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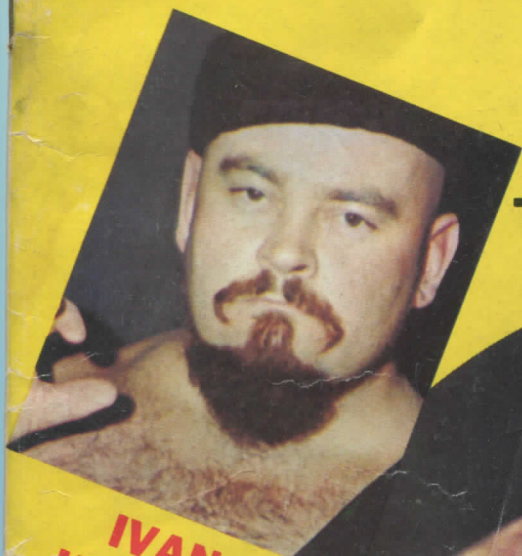
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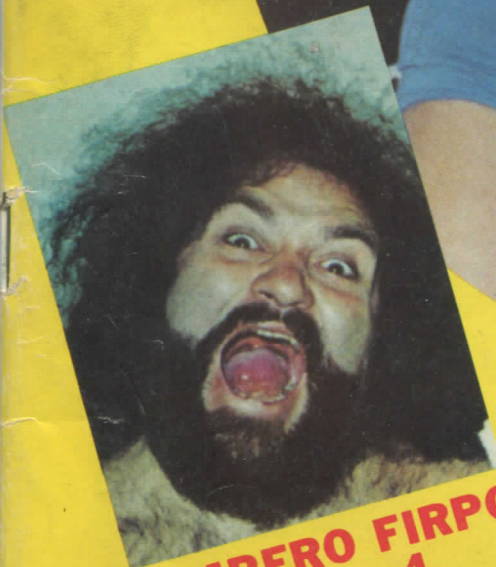
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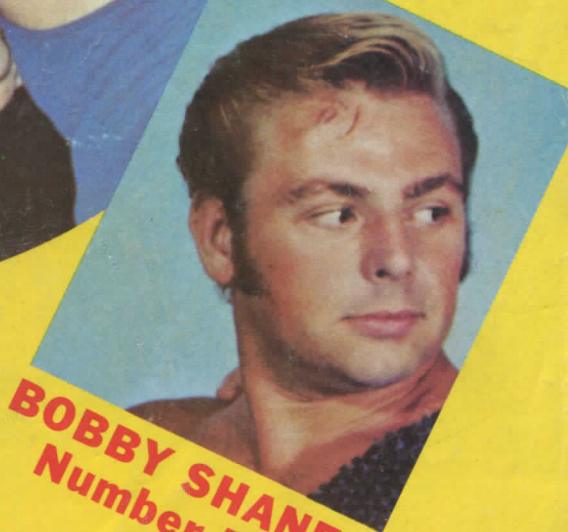


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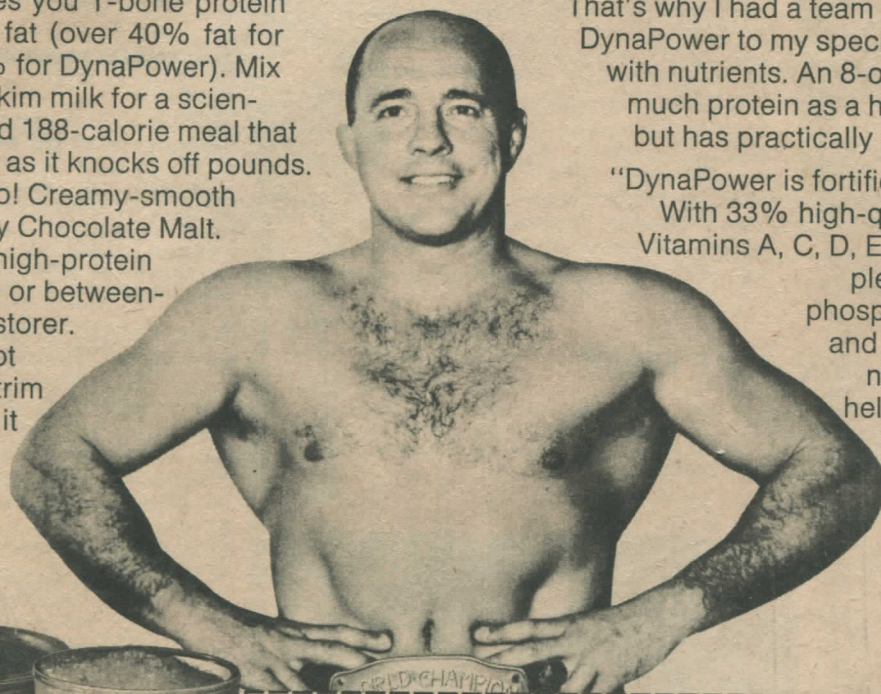
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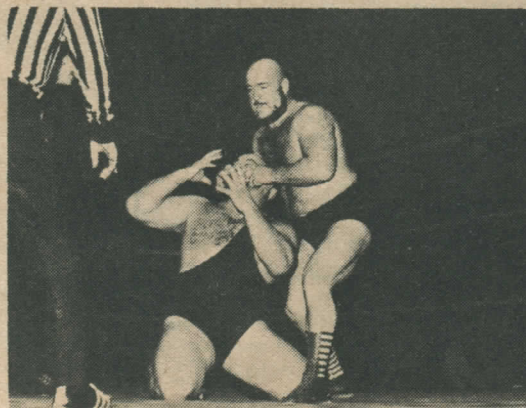
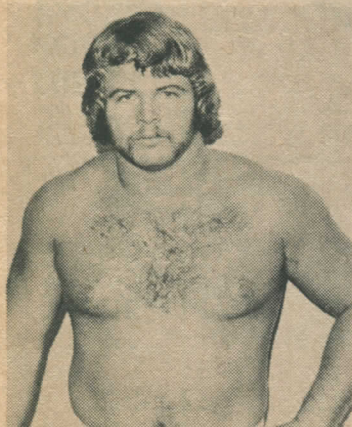
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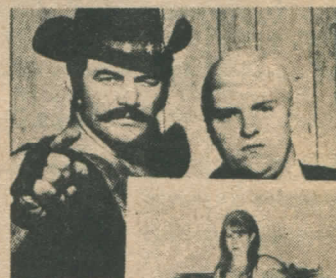


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By NORMAN H. KIETZER

WRESTLING TAKES ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE

We have been saying for over a year now that professional wrestling is at its greatest peak. We recognize it and so do wrestling promoters. It used to be that crowds in excess of 20,000 people were a real oddity in the sport. Oh, there were a few in recent years.

In 1961 over 38,000 fans saw Buddy Rogers defeat Pat O'Connor for the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship in Chicago's Comiskey Park. In 1970 in the same stadium over 30,000 fans saw Verne Gagne successfully defend the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship against Baron Von Raschke with Mad Dog and Butcher Vachon meeting Dick

the Bruiser and The Crusher in the co-main event.

But, in the last twelve months wrestling spectaculars have really come into their own. Madison Square Garden has led the way with over 20,000 in attendance for almost all its cards. The Garden shows alone will probably gross over one million dollars for the year.

Last summer in the Los Angeles Coliseum over 25,000 fans saw Fred Blassie defeat John Tolos. In June, over 26,000 fans turned out for the card held in Texas Stadium, the home of the Dallas Cowboys, in Irving, Texas. They saw Fritz von Erich and Dory Funk Jr. wrestle to a draw in an N.W.A. title match.

In July, at Jarry Ball Park, the home of the Montreal Expos, promoter Johnny Rougeau drew over 26,000 fans for the match between The Sheik and Jacques Rougeau. The Montreal crowd is especially significant in that there are two rival promotions active in Montreal. The other group, headed by Lucien Gregoire, drew over 20,000 fans into the Montreal Forum in August. When you consider that drawing over 20,000 fans was almost unheard of a few years ago and now you have two promoters in the same city within a month of each other, you have to realize that the great sport of professional wrestling has really come into its own.

Just as we go to press, we note that they have a card schedule in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, that will feature fifty wrestlers in a three-ring affair for preliminary matches and then concentrating on the main ring for the final matches topped by a meeting between Johnny Valentine and Johnny Powers.

In less than a month from now Verne Gagne faces Ivan Koloff in a co-feature with Dick the Bruiser and The Crusher against Black Jack Mulligan and Black Jack Lanza in Soldier's Field in Chicago. And just announced is a card at Shea Stadium in New York that will feature Pedro Morales defending the W.W.W.F. title against Bruno Sammartino.

These upcoming cards in Cleveland, Chicago and New York will probably all set records for attendance and the way wrestling is going those new records will probably be broken next year.

Yes, wrestling fans are turning out in record numbers all over the country and of the "World Series of Professional Wrestling" that we proposed in the September Editorial between the various claimants to the heavyweight title ever takes place, then we feel that wrestling will attract even larger crowds, not only for the annual super-shows in the various areas, but also, and probably more importantly, for the week.

ASK THE WRESTLERS

Billy Robinson discusses the wrestling situation in Great Britain with Wrestling Monthly editor

Norman Kietzer.

N.J. of London, England, wants to know why Billy Robinson has not been back in his homeland during the past year to prove to Albert Wall, who is now recognized as British Heavyweight Champion, that he is still England's top heavyweight?

I caught up with Billy Robinson in Minneapolis recently and put the question to him. As our readers know,

Robinson still holds the British Empire and European heavyweight titles. However, the title of British Heavyweight Champion was removed from him due to the fact that he did not come back to England and wrestle often enough.

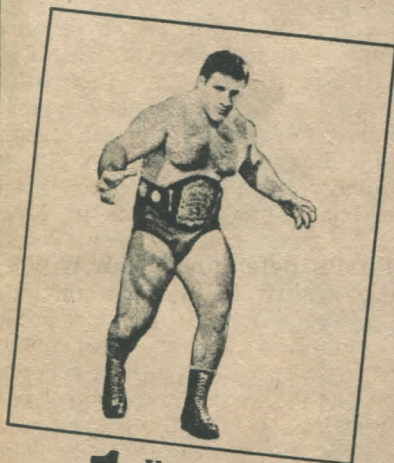
Billy's answer was very simple. "I don't really feel that I have to prove anything to Albert Wall. I defeated him on several occasions in England and defending the British title. If he wants a match let him come to Canada, where I have wrestled often recently, and I'll defend the British Empire Heavyweight Championship against him. Right now my primary aim is to win the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship from Verne Gagne. I also am planning trips to Japan and Germany. The British title that held, and the others that I still hold, are very important. But I believe that the

World's Heavyweight Championship should be the primary goal of a wrestler and I believe in myself and my ability to gain that title. Everywhere that I have wrestled, I finished on top, and I am going to finish on the top here. Winning the World's Heavyweight Championship may take a bit longer, but I am going to get there."

I think that Billy has spelled it out pretty well. I agree with the British promoters for removing the country's title from Billy and giving it to Albert Wall, since a regional title like that should be defended regularly in the region where it is recognized. I also agree with Robinson in his choice of goals. Maybe one of these days everyone will be satisfied when Billy Robinson returns home to England with the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship in his possession.

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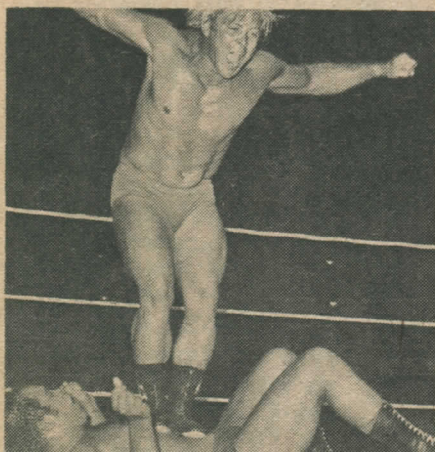
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Ronnie Garvin jumps onto the stomach of Jose Lothario during action in Florida.

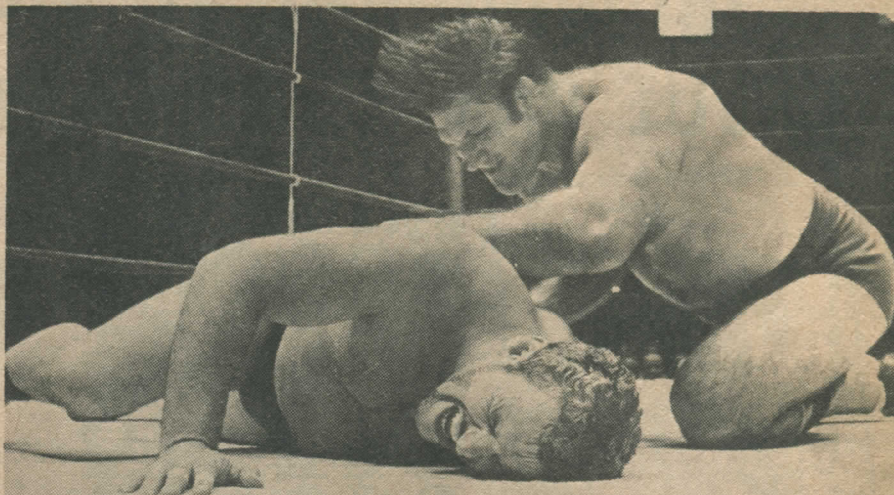
You have articles on great tag teams, will how about an article on the best tag team ever — Ronnie Garvin and Ron Fuller? Your magazine has had articles on Jim and Terry Garvin but why not of their brother who wrestles in Florida who I and everyone else knows is the uncrowned World Heavyweight Champion.

Lou Chamberlain
Coconut Creek, Fla.

DON'T LEAVE US BRUNO

Sirs:

The first thing I would like to say is that WRESTLING MONTHLY and WRESTLING REVUE are the greatest. I am writing this letter to express my feelings for the one and only number one wrestler in wrestling today, the great Bruno Sammartino. I still think he can



Bruno Sammartino has The Sheik screaming in pain during a match held several years ago in the old Madison Square Garden.

kill any wrestler around, including Ivan Koloff. I was there the night Bruno lost his belt. When Bruno was pinned, there were tears coming down the people's faces. I couldn't believe my eyes, after eight years Bruno was pinned. I tried not to cry, but I couldn't hold it in. Albano was so scared he was going to get mugged, he did not even come out with Koloff.

Since Bruno lost his title, he has defeated such stars as Gito Mongol, Black Jack Mulligan, Bulldog Brower, and many more. On the West Coast, Bruno has defeated Kenji Shibuya, and he

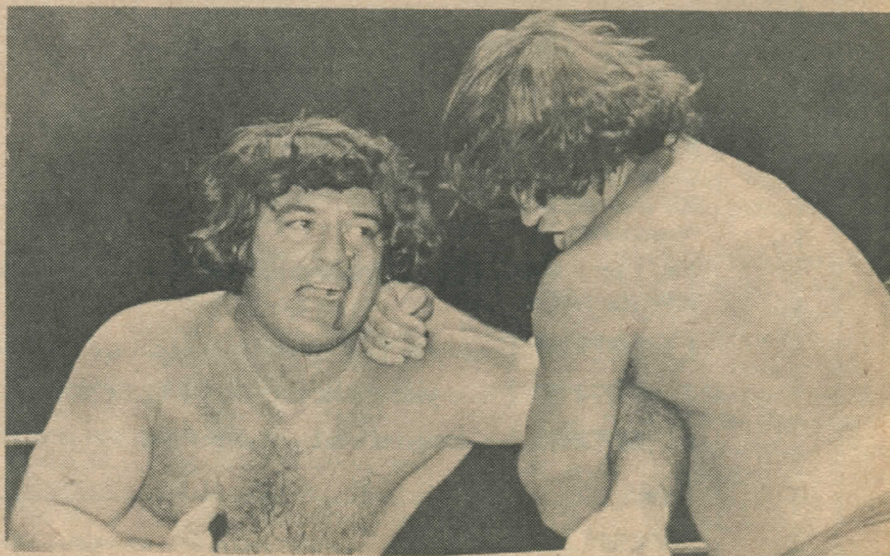
wrestled Killer Kowalski for the Americas Belt, and he won, but Bruno did not get the belt because he won on a third fall D.Q. And don't forget to mention Bruno won this 22-Man Battle Royal for \$11,000. So don't give up yet, Bruno, you still have a lot going for you.

Jim Coacci
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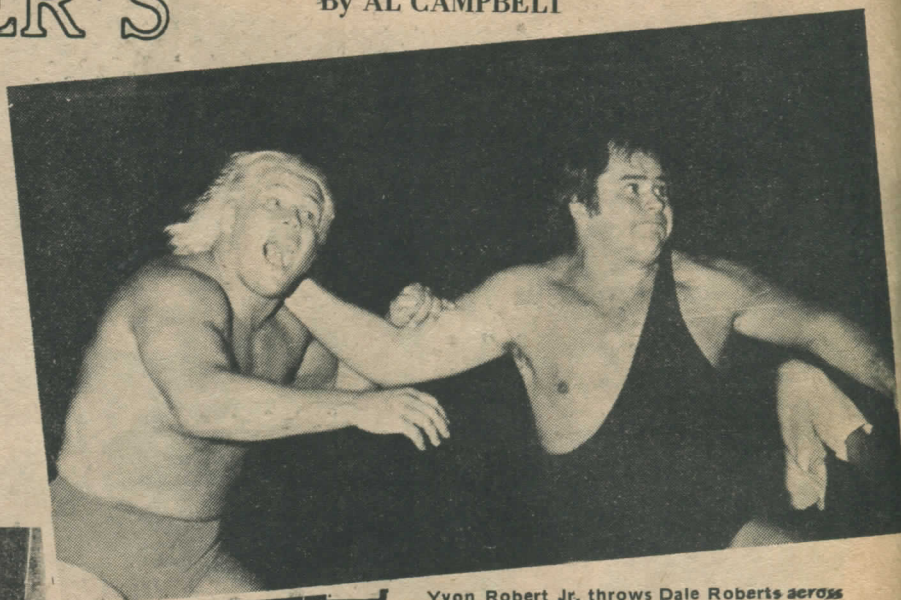
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By AL CAMPBELL

Many top names from throughout the world drop in to Little Beaver's restaurant in Montreal. (L.toR.): Midget gal wrestler Little Dolly and her husband, Cortey, wrestling promoter Jack Brittain, his associate Al Campbell and Beaver.



Yvon Robert Jr. throws Dale Roberts across the ring in an action filled bout.

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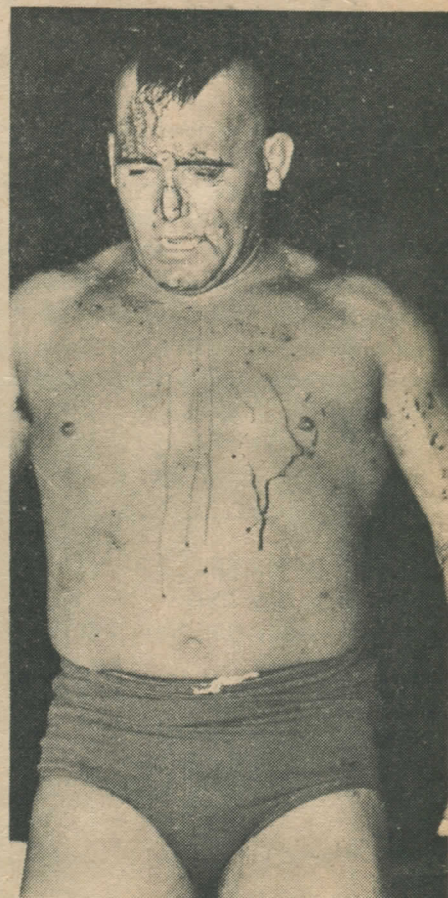
Our territory is enjoying a great revival, thanks to Grand Prix Wrestling. We book ninety-nine percent of our wrestlers from promoter Paul "The Butcher" Vachon and Matchmaker Lucien Gergoire of Trans Canada Sports Enterprises, Inc., in Montreal.

Many of the top names in wrestling are currently appearing in our area. They include the Grand Prix tag team champions Dale Roberts and Gerry Brown,

Maurice "Mad Dog" and Paul "The Butcher" Vachon, Joe and Paul Leduc, Edouard Carpentier, Giant Jean Ferre, Yvon Robert Jr., Billy Two Rivers, Johnny War Eagle, Gilles "The Fish" Poisson, Zarinoff Lebeouf, Mitsu Arakawa, Inoue, Joe Dusek, Len Shelley, Pierre Gagne, Michel Vigneault, Danny Babich, Reynald Dube, Akim Manuka, Bull Gregory, Jim Kelly, Andy Moore, Paul Bell, Michel "Butch" Gagnon, Tony Ross, Tony Petel, Jose Quintaro, Chuck Richard, Sailor White, Hell's Angel No. 2, Rocky Hamilton, and The Mortician. Midgets who have appeared recently are Sky Low Low, Little Brutus, Sonny Boy Hayes, Farmer Jerome, Little Boy Blue, and Little Hawk.

Girl wrestlers appearing here are Rhonda Galento and The Masked Marvel.

The Grand Prix Wrestling television program is carried throughout our territory by the



War Eagle is one of the top favorites the fans in Northern Ontario.

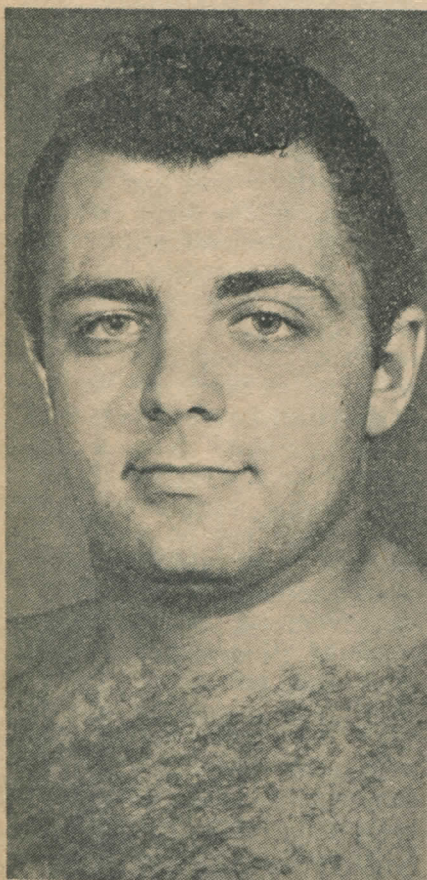
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The veteran Billy Two Rivers is one of the wrestlers who has been doing very well for promoter Jack Britton.



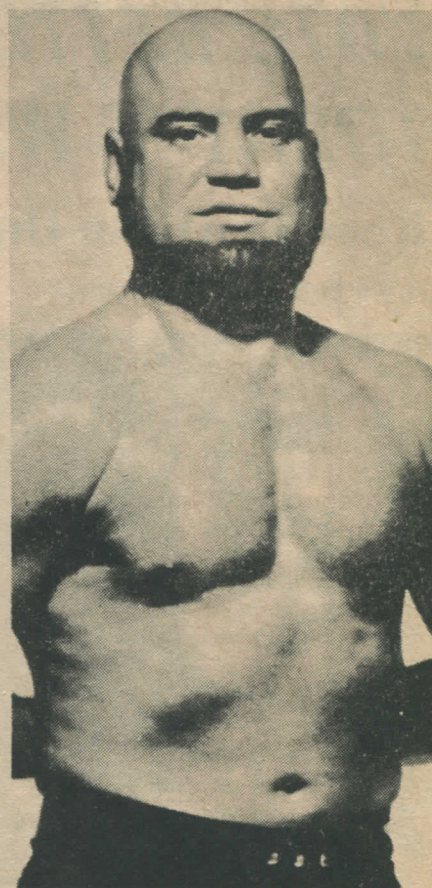
Jos Leduc holds up a chain. He wants a chain match with Mad Dog Vachon and he hopes that Jack Britton will sign it.



Gino Brito, Jack Britton's son, is continuing on the wrestling tradition of the family. He appears regularly on wrestling cards all over the country.



One of the big favorites of fans in this area is Jos Leduc, pictured here after a bloody brawl with Mad Dog Vachon.



Paul Leduc, Jos' brother, is also very popular with the fans in the Northland territory.

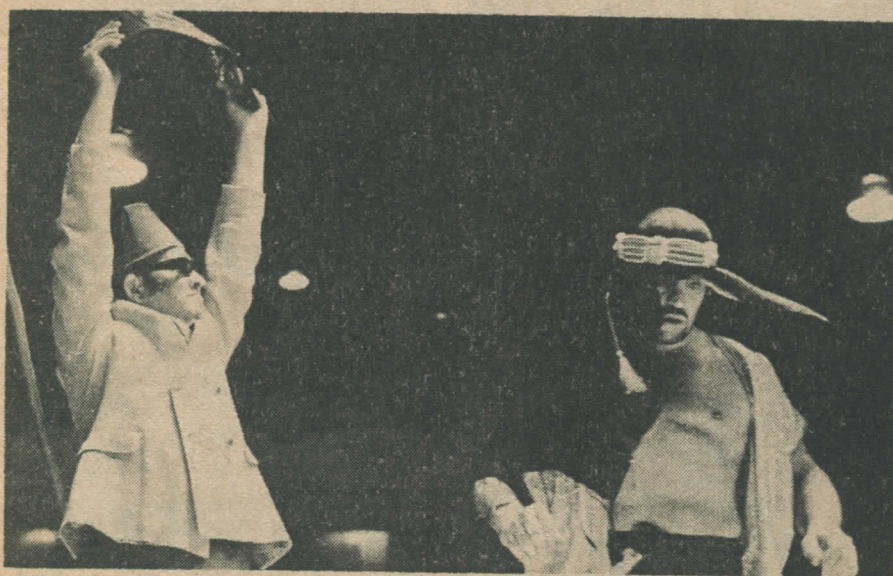


The most unpopular wrestler in the world today is The Sheik. That is probably because of the years of bloody mayhem that he has precipitated across the world. The photo above showing him in a bloody brawl with Gory Guerrero is just one of the many reasons that The Sheik is hated more than any other grappler.

THE SHEIK IS THE BIGGEST VOTE GETTER OF TODAY'S WRESTLERS

Results of the Unpopularity Poll!

By NORMAN H. KIETZER



Side by side with The Sheik during his years of terror has been a manager named Abdullah Faruk. Faruk is certainly a major reason why The Sheik won this year's poll.

Well, the results are all in of our combined popularity and unpopularity poll. The man with the most votes, yes the most votes ever for any unpopularity or popularity poll that we have ever run, is The Sheik. His total of 5,987 votes even surpassed the 5,584 votes garnered by Bruno Sammartino in winning the 1972 popularity poll. The complete results of the popularity poll can be found in the November issue of Wrestling Revue.

The Sheik has wrestled everywhere and apparently left a very lasting impression on the fans. There was no area of the country from where he didn't receive votes, and though Detroit and Toronto, where he has appeared the most in recent years, gave him a larger measure of support, it must be admitted that he had much more wide-spread backing than did Sammartino, who had a greater percentage of votes from the Northeast than any other area.

The Sheik has been one of wrestling's bad guys for a long time. He ranked at number seven in 1968. His victory was no

COMPARISON CHART OF UNPOPULARITY POLLS

POSITION	1962	1965	1968	1972
1.	BUDDY ROGERS	FRED BLASSIE	PROFESSOR TANAKA	THE SHEIK
2.	KILLER KOWALSKI	WALDO VON ERICH	GORILLA MONSOON	IVAN KOLOFF
3.	THE CRUSHER	DICK THE BRUISER	HANS MORTIER	DIRTY DUSTY RHODES
4.	FRITZ VON ERICH	GENE KINISKI	BULL RAMOS	PAMPERO FIRPO
5.	BULLDOG BROWER	KILLER KOWALSKI	LUKE GRAHAM	BOBBY SHANE
6.	DICK THE BRUISER	JERRY GRAHAM	MAD DOG VACHON	RAY STEVENS
7.	RAY STEVENS	THE CRUSHER	THE SHEIK	KING CURTIS IAUKEA
8.	ANGELO POFFO	FRITZ VON ERICH	GENE KINISKI	GEORGE STEELE
9.	GENE KINISKI	RAY STEVENS	THE KENTUCKY BUTCHER	NICK BOCKWINKEL
10.	FRED BLASSIE	BULL CURRY	RAY STEVENS	THE BIG "K"

Most Unpopular Poll

The following also received votes: Handsome Harley Race, Johnny Valentine, Ernie Ladd, The Spoiler, Tarzan Tyler, Don Leo Jonathan, Dick Murdock, Luke Graham, The Von Brauners, Haru Sasaki, Brute Bernard, The Interns, Jerry Lawler, Rip Hawk, Gary Hart, Bob Sweetan, Dale Lewis, Doctor "X", Jerry Novak, Treach Phillips, The Crusher, Jean Ferre, Johnny Furr, Jay Strongbow, Bearcat Wright, Billy Graham, Bengali, Chris Tolos, The Convict, Black Gordman, Gene Kiniski, Lou Albano, Igor, Lars Anderson, Frank Martinez, Jerry Myke, Fritz von Erich, Buddy Wayne Peale, Johnny Boyd, Sputnik Monroe, Terry Funk, The Mannix, Oregon Lumberjack, The Great Mephisto, The Mighty Brutus, Don Green, Massa Fuji, Danny Hodge, Thunderbolt Patterson, Danny Little Bear, The Skull, Sam Bass, Ron Wright, Killer Tim Brooks, Fred Blassie, Sonny

King, Jimmy Valiant, Red Beard, Bill Watts, Bull Ramos, Pepper Gomez, Kenji Shibuya, and Verne Gagne.

1. The Sheik 5,987
2. Ivan Koloff 3,189
3. Dirty Dusty Rhodes . 2,056
4. Pampero Firpo 2,034
5. Bobby Shane 1,672
6. Ray Stevens 1,567
7. King Curtis Iaukea .. 1,473
8. George Steele 1,345
9. Nick Bockwinkel ... 1,322
10. The Big "K" 937
11. Killer Kowalski 842
12. Baron von Raschke ... 837
13. Pedro Morales 807
14. Waldo von Erich 732
15. Abdullah the Butcher . 688
16. Pretty Boy Larry Hennig 675
17. Black Jack Lanza 667
18. Ox Baker 648
19. Stan Stasiak 637
20. Bobby Heenan 622
21. Dory Funk Jr. 614
22. Paul Jones 609
23. Terry Garvin 600
24. Mad Dog Vachon 584
25. John Tolos 543

surprise, though his margin of victory was. Even though he lost the United States Heavyweight Championship to Bobo Brazil, that hasn't slowed down the dislike among the fans of this Arabian grappler. The Sheik, with his manager Abdullas Faruk, has been wrestling regularly in Detroit, Toronto, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Montreal, and many other places. He is wrestling's most unpopular figure and gets that dubious award this year.

The man finishing in second position was no surprise either. Ivan Koloff has been the top thorn in the side of Verne Gagne in A.W.A. circles for about a year now. Since our last poll in 1968, Ivan has also held the W.W.W.F. title, winning over Bruno Sammartino. Many of the Sammartino popularity votes were coupled with a vote for Ivan as the most unpopular, which proves that Bruno fans haven't forgotten that Ivan is the one who dethroned their champion. Ivan, like The Sheik, received his votes from everywhere though we would say that W.W.W.F. and A.W.A. cities contributed the most.

The third man on the list was somewhat a surprise. Dirty Dusty Rhodes appeared here in the top ten for the first time. In fact, Koloff, Rhodes, Firpo, Shane, Iaukea, Steele, Bockwinkel, and



Ivan Koloff finished in the second position in the world wide poll of unpopularity. He has been tearing up A.W.A. rings in recent months as he tries to defeat Verne Gagne. If he would be Gagne, he might very well become the most unpopular wrestler in the world.



Koloff is the man who dethroned Bruno Sammartino by defeating the most popular wrestler in the world in Madison Square Garden. Ivan continues to defeat almost every top wrestler who crosses his path and for that the fans dislike him.



This picture of Dirty Dusty Rhodes chewing on the head of Billy Howard is a good reason why Dirty Dusty became one of the new members of the top ten of most unpopular wrestlers. The way he handles his opponents, as well as the way he talks about his fellow grapplers and wrestling fans, is why Rhodes is the third most unpopular wrestler in the world.



Bobby Shane, and valet Sherri, form one of the most disliked combinations in professional wrestling today. Bobby has terrorized wrestling rings throughout the south and in return the fans have voted him the number five position in the unpopularity poll.

The Big "K" were all first time top ten place winners.

Rhodes has been wrestling as the tag team partner of Larry Hennig in recent months in A.W.A. territory. Even though he has not gained any A.W.A. titles, Rhodes has been engaged in bitter feuds with several top wrestlers. And, we are sure that the great lack of modesty that Rhodes has shown when being interviewed played a big part here. Even though Koloff took the biggest portion of votes from the A.W.A. areas, Rhodes has large support there. What really

boosted him into third place though were the votes from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Apparently fans haven't forgotten Rhodes in that area. He held the North American Heavyweight Championship for a period of several months, defending it often in that area. Even though he eventually lost it to Cowboy Bill Watts, the man he won it from, apparently fans there haven't forgotten him. Rhodes is the type of individual you don't forget.

The fourth man on the list is

Pampero Firpo. The wild bull of the Pampas got a lot of support from W.W.W.F. territory, but he again is a veteran wrestler who has been everywhere and is never soon forgotten. The Argentina star also received a lot of votes from Detroit, and surprisingly, from the West Coast, especially San Francisco, and from Hawaii.

The fifth man on the list was Bobby Shane. Bobby has been around wrestling for ten years now and is no longer the "boy wonder" of the sport that he once was. During the last year though, Bobby has really come into his own. He has been most successful in Florida and that is where he received his greatest support, though he also gained plenty of votes from the Gulf Coast states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Bobby has appeared in all of those areas during the past year. Probably Shane's success coupled with his new rough and brutal style is what pushed him into the top ten. And there is always one other ingredient that makes for success and the beautiful valet named Sherri who has accompanied Shane on most of his ring appearances during the past year may have been the thing that made Bobby one of the most disliked in his profession.

The next man is one person who has been among the top ten in every one of our unpopularity polls. That man is Ray Stevens. He was ranked seventh in 1962, ninth in 1965, tenth in 1968, and his highest finish was this year at sixth. Stevens is the exception to the rule which seems to be that a new breed of grapplers is taking over as wrestling's top stars. We mentioned earlier that eight of the men in the unpopularity poll were ranked in the top ten for the first time. The same thing is true for the unpopularity poll. Stevens, however, is the exception to the rule. He is the man who has stood the test of time.

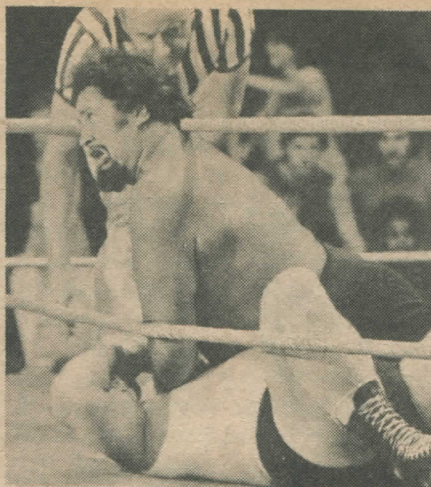
Ironically, Stevens also finished quite high in the popularity poll. He was ranked fourteenth there. This can be

attributed to the fact that Ray Stevens is very popular around the San Francisco area where he makes his home. Unfortunately, for his popularity, but fortunately for his high ranking on this poll, Ray is not very popular anywhere else. Throughout the A.W.A. territory, where he is co-holder of the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship with Nick Bockwinkel, he is one of the most hated and that fact was brought out in the voting. Ray seemed to get votes from everywhere in the unpopularity section except from California. Surprisingly, he also received a block of support from Florida where he was wrestled only a few times.

The next man on this list is King Curtis Iaukea. The heavyweight star from Hawaii gained a lot of support from W.W.W.F. territory where he was coupled with Bruno Sammartino or Pedro Morales on many ballots. King Curtis also received a lot of support from the Detroit area. Here again, as in almost every case from the top ten, we have a wrestler who has appeared in many areas and who received wide spread support.

The number eight position went to the Animal. Anyone who has seen George Steele wrestle knows that he is an animal in the wrestling ring. George literally tears apart the building when he wrestles. I've seen him eat up the turnbuckles and then turn and knaw on his opponent. He will grab any weapon from a small foreign object concealed in his trunks to a board broken off from the ring steps. When George goes into action he can arouse a crowd more than any other grappler that I know of. Even though this was the first time he was named in this poll, our only surprise was that he didn't finish higher. George got most of his votes from W.W.W.F. and also from the Pittsburgh areas.

The ninth man on the list is named here for the first time but is a real veteran of wrestling. He is the son of all time great Warren Bockwinkel and he has



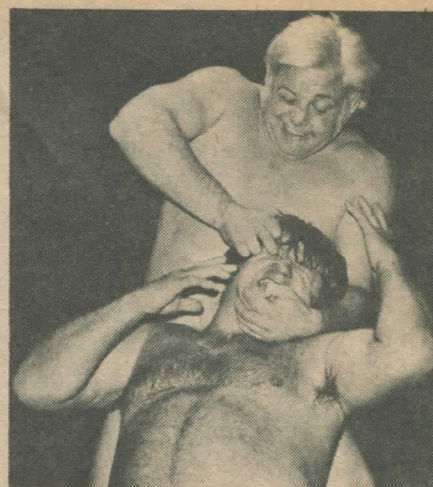
It doesn't matter to King Curtis Iaukea that his opponent is in the ropes and he is half outside. He still tries to choke the man into unconsciousness and defeat. For this reason and many others, King Curtis is not the seventh most unpopular wrestler in the world.



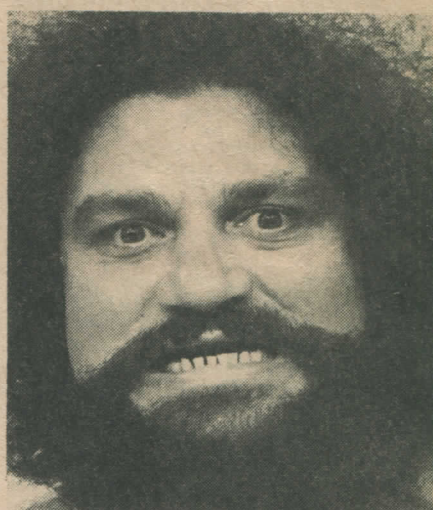
This is The Animal. Some people call him George Steele, but he really is an animal and that is the reason why he is ranked number eight in the unpopularity poll. Our only question is whether or not an animal really qualifies to be ranked in a poll with human beings.

also made a bigger name for himself. Currently he is the co-holder of the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship and received a lot of votes from that area. However, we would feel that because Stevens and Bockwinkel are a team many people dislike them together and the vote they would garner as individuals would be split between them since they are a tag team.

That was not the case. Or, rather, that was the case, but Stevens and Bockwinkel are so disliked that even though the



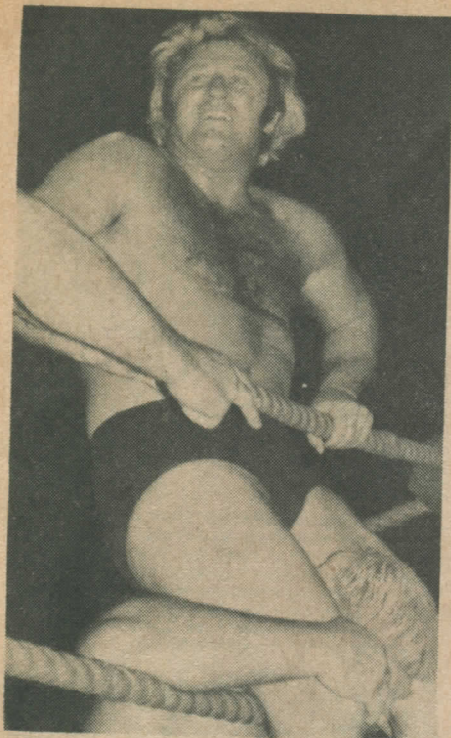
Ray Stevens is the only man to be named among the ten most unpopular wrestlers in all our polls for the past ten years. Here Ray seems to be trying to stick his finger into the face of Bull Bullinski and pull out Bull's eyeball. For actions like this, Ray is the all time leading votegetter on the composite of wrestling unpopularity polls.



Pampero Firpo has been called many things including "The Missing Link". The long haired grappler from Argentina placed fourth in the unpopularity poll and for good reason.

vote was split between them they both gained enough support to be named among the top ten unpopular wrestlers in the world.

The combined total of 2,889 votes that these wrestlers received would have been enough to place either of them in the number three position if they had all gone to one of them. Besides A.W.A. support, fans in Georgia proved they hadn't forgotten Nick's long reign as Georgia State Heavyweight Champion even though it ended more than a year ago. Nick has made enough trips back to



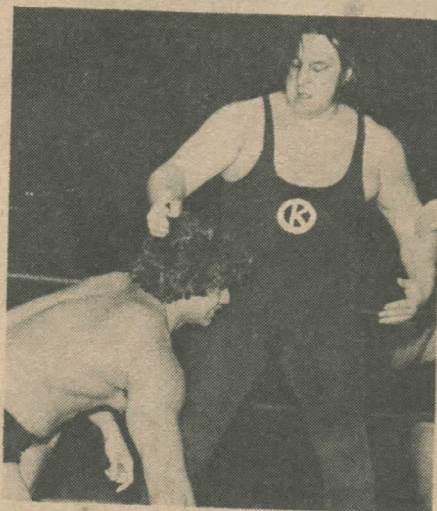
Nick Bockwinkel placed ninth in the poll. He is shown here trying to choke The Crusher by sitting on the Milwaukee favorite's head which is draped over the ropes. Things like this make Tricky Nicky one of the most unpopular wrestlers in the world.



Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens are the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Champions. Together they are hated, but as individuals they still raised enough feeling among the fans to make it into the top ten. They may well be the most unpopular tag team in the world.

Atlanta in the past year to keep his memory fresh in their minds and Nick also visited Florida and gained some votes there as well.

The last man on the top ten list is The Big "K". Frankly, this was the biggest surprise. We wouldn't have been surprised a few years ago when these polls started if Stanly Kowalski, as The Big "K" was then known, had pushed his way into the top ten. But frankly, The Big "K" has always been better known in the Midwest and West Coast than in the eastern areas where our biggest sales were during the early years of this magazine. But, today The Big "K", though he is still active as a wrestler and very successful, spends much of his time managing the careers of his various proteges. Ivan Koloff, the number two man in this poll, is the chief member of his stable. He also has managed the careers of Japanese stars Strong Kobayashi, Higo Hamaguchi, and The Great Kusatsu while they wrestled in the United States. But, The Big "K" obviously has gained the dislike of enough fans in the world to be one of the ten most unpopular wrestlers. Ironically, many of his votes were coupled with Don Muraco is the popularity contest, and Muraco, who finished in the sixth position in that poll was the big surprise there.



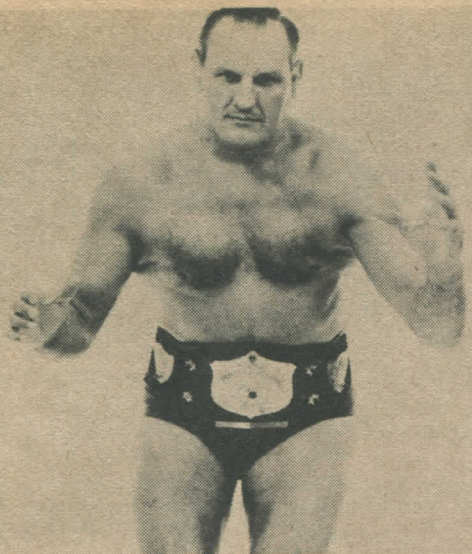
Rounding out the top ten is The Big "K". Although at present he is primarily the manager of Ivan Koloff, the Big "K" is very active as a wrestler as well. Here he grabs a hunk of Don Muraco's hair during a tag team match in Winnipeg.

Looking over the top ten we have one other comment. Seven of these men were opponents of the most popular wrestler in the world today, Bruno Sammartino. It is no coincidence that The Sheik, Ivan Koloff, Pampero Firpo, Ray Stevens, King Curtis Luakea, George Steele, and The Big "K" all wrestled against Bruno in recent years.

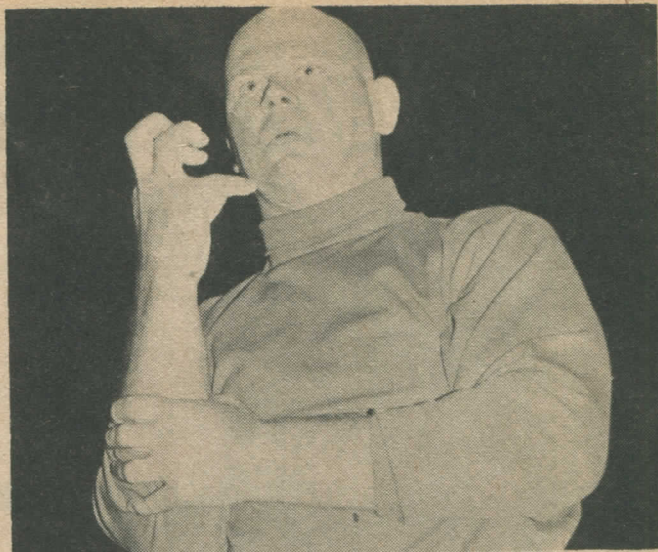
Going down the list a bit farther we find that Killer Kowalski has lost none of the dislike that fans had for him in earlier years. He finished second in 1962 and fifth in 1965 and his eleventh-place finish this year is good. The Killer received votes from all over the United States, with California giving him the greatest support, and also quite a block from Australia.

The man who finished twelfth is Baron von Raschke. Most of his votes were from fans in Indianapolis, Detroit, Montreal, St. Louis, and Chicago and that area. Don't be surprised if The Baron finishes higher in subsequent polls.

And now we come to the thirteenth position and it is held by the man who also finished eighth in the popularity poll this year. The World Wide Wrestling Federation Champion Pedro Morales. All we can say to explain this vote for a man who is obviously a very popular wrestler is that almost every one of the 807 votes that he received were coupled with Bruno Sammartino. When you consider that Sammartino received 5,584 votes in winning the popularity poll and that Bruno, a former W.W.W.F. champion, has never received the chance to regain that title that he wants, then you can soon realize why eight hundred of five and a half thousand voters who support Sammartino would vote against Morales. The upcoming bout in Shea Stadium in New York will probably settle that controversy once and for all and if Pedro wins that bout in the spectacular and clean style that he is known for he could replace Bruno as the most popular wrestler in the wrestling world as he already has as W.W.W.F. Champion.



Just missing the top ten was Killer Kowalski. The veteran star has been one of the most disliked grapplers for years and he hasn't slowed down much according to the votes he continues to get. The Killer is still one of the most unpopular.



A new face in the unpopularity poll is Baron von Raschke. This grappler from Germany has only been wrestling for a few years and we predict that he will place much higher in the next popularity poll.

We will run through the rest of the names rather quickly, simply giving you the position of the wrestler and where his greatest support came from. Commenting only on unusual items.

Fourteenth was Waldo Von Erich. The former North American and N.W.F. Champion received most of his support from N.W.F. areas, and also quite a bit from the states of Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Abdullah the Butcher also got the bulk of his support from N.W.F. cities and also from Montreal and Detroit.

Pretty Boy Larry Hennig, sixteenth, received almost every one of his votes from A.W.A. areas. Black Jack Lanza got support from both A.W.A. and W.W.A. circuits as well as from St. Louis to finish 17th.

Ox Baker got a large block of votes from Georgia and also quite a few from Nebraska and finished eighteenth. Stan Stasiak got most of his votes from the W.W.W.F. and also from Texas. His name was coupled most often with Red Bastien and with Pedro Morales from the popularity contest.

Bobby Heenan, a man who is primarily a manager of Raschke, Lanza, and Mulligan, got votes from A.W.A., W.W.A., and St. Louis fans to finish in twentieth

position.

Dory Funk Jr., the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion who finished 17th in the popularity, proved that fans throughout the N.W.A. territories have mixed feelings about him. He was twenty-first in the unpopularity poll.

Paul Jones got almost all of his votes to finish twenty-second from the state of Florida where he has garnered almost every title they have in recent months.

Terry Garvin got support from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri to finish in twenty-third position.

Mad Dog Vachon, a man we figured would rank higher, apparently isn't as much disliked by A.W.A. fans as he used to be. But, on the Grand Prix circuit in eastern Canada the Dog is still the most unpopular. His vote total may have been cut by the fact that most of the Grand Prix fans speak and read French and as such they do not read our English magazines as much as fans in some areas do.

In twenty-fifth position was John Tolos. He was also twenty-fourth in the unpopularity poll. In both cases most of his support came from California. Apparently fans in that area don't know what to think about John.

All in all, this poll was the most successful ever run. A representative number of votes from all over the country with no one area predominating assures is of the fact that this is the most accurate public opinion poll of wrestling fans ever instituted. We feel that our sample was valid and that we did measure very accurately who the most popular and who the most unpopular wrestlers in the world are.

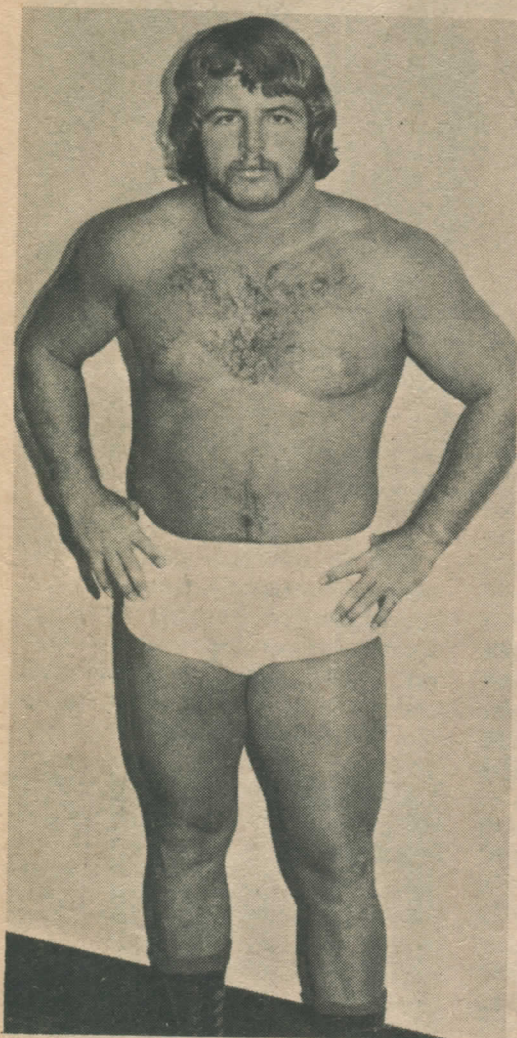
The only difficulty that we see with such a vote is the fact that it measures only popularity and unpopularity. Therefore, it tries to lump all wrestlers into one of two categories.

Not all wrestlers are heroes or villains, or baby faces or villains, as many people like to classify them. Wrestlers come in all shades of styles and can't really be forced into the two arbitrary groups that we have tried to make for this poll. That is why a total of four people placed in the top twenty-five of both the popularity and the unpopularity polls.

Also, it is not a measure of success since the World Champions did not place on the top of either list. But, for what it is, we feel that this poll is the most accurate opinion of all the world's wrestling fans that has ever been published.

THE NEW GRAHAM GENERATION.

By JOHN BROOKS RANDOLPH

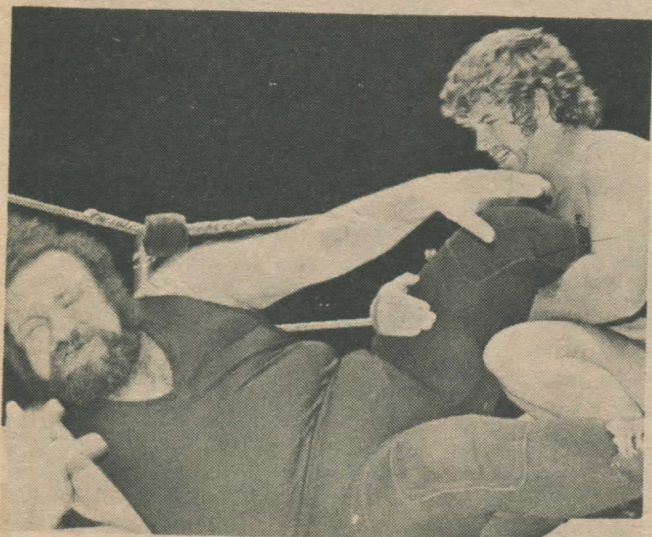


*One Of Wrestling's
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Has Another Star!*

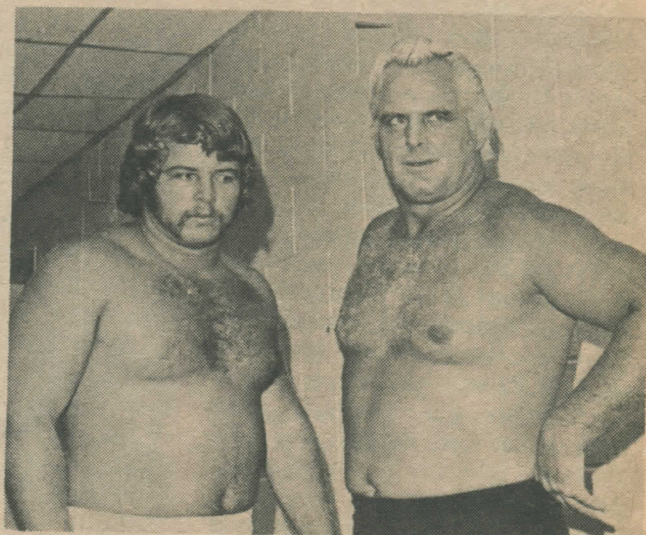
First there was Doctor Jerry Graham. He broke into professional wrestling around twenty years ago and almost overnight became as master of mayhem. The good Doctor was known to rip apart his opponents using none of the surgical skill that a man of the medical profession is known for. Of course, Jerry Graham was not a medical doctor. He was, however, a Ph.D. who found that he preferred the wrestling ring to the halls of ivy.

A few years later Jerry was joined by his brother Eddie. In the 1950's the Graham Brothers became a legend, so much so, that in 1959 when the very first issue of Wrestling Revue, our sister publication that is now the largest selling wrestling magazine in the world, was published, no one even considered putting anyone else on the cover except the Graham Brothers.

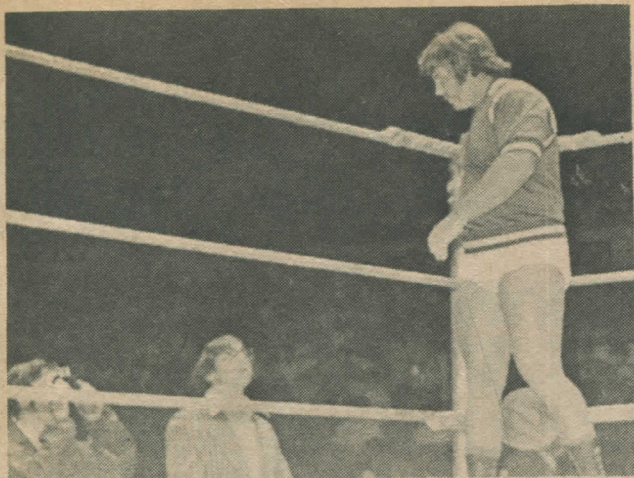
In the years that followed we had many stories on the Notorious Graham brothers. They were one of the most successful but also one of the



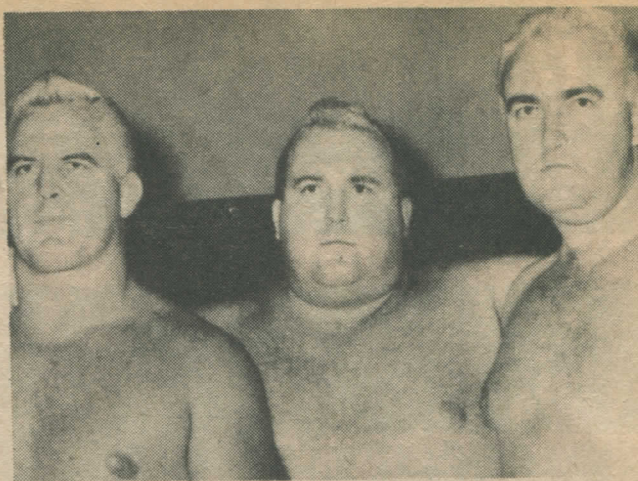
Mike Graham handled the much larger Juan Caruso with ease during their match in Madison Square Garden. Mike made a big hit with the fans in his first appearance in the Garden.



You can see the pride in Eddie Graham's eyes as he and Mike stand in the Garden hallway outside the dressing rooms before the matches start.



The Garden fans have seen his father and uncles in action, but Mike showed them an entirely different wrestling style in this first appearance of the new Graham generation.



Three of the four famous Graham Brothers, Eddie, Jerry, and Luke, as they looked a few years ago. Since then Brother Billy and now son and nephew Mike have joined the ranks of the wrestling Graham family.



Mike used a figure four leg lock to put away Caruso. He proved to Garden fans that night that he is going to unhold the -- Graham winning tradition, and probably become the most popular of all the wrestling Graham family.

bloodiest duos ever to enter the professional wrestling ring. During the 1960's they were joined by two other brothers.

When Eddie decided to retire from wrestling to go in the promotion end of the sport in Tampa, Florida, younger brother Luke Graham was already wrestling and ready to step in with Jerry on the Graham Brothers tag team.

Luke soon became as infamous as his brothers, nicknamed by the fans as "Crazy Luke." For several years he and Jerry continued on the Graham Brothers tradition.

Meanwhile, Eddie had become more mild in his approach to wrestling, at least when wrestling in Florida where he had made his home.

He explained it this way when being interviewed for a story in a 1971 issue of Wrestling Revue.

Eddie, at his home in Florida stated, "Here at home, with my family nearby, doing the things I like to do — living graciously, I guess you'd call it — my

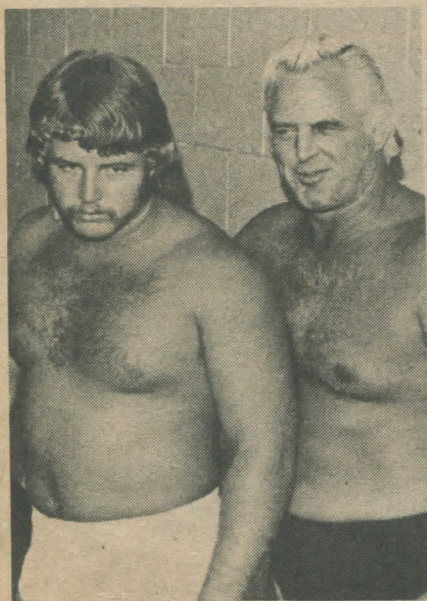
personality is easy-going. It shows up in the ring. But once I get away from Lucy and Mike, something happens to my nerves. I get keyed-up; I want to get back to them and — well, to relieve the tension, I take it out on the guys I wrestle. It may be tough on them, but it keeps me healthy."

At any rate, Eddie eventually turned from wrestling to promotion in Florida. Apparently Doctor Jerry and Crazy Luke never found a sport to settle down at. They continued to raise havoc across the country. Another younger brother, Billy, soon became the fourth wrestling Graham, though so far most of Billy's wrestling has been confined to the west coast.

Jerry retired a couple of years ago, but Luke and Billy are still going strong. Eddie decided that the promotion business was not for him and early this year he sold his interest to Buddy Fuller.

However, this is not the story

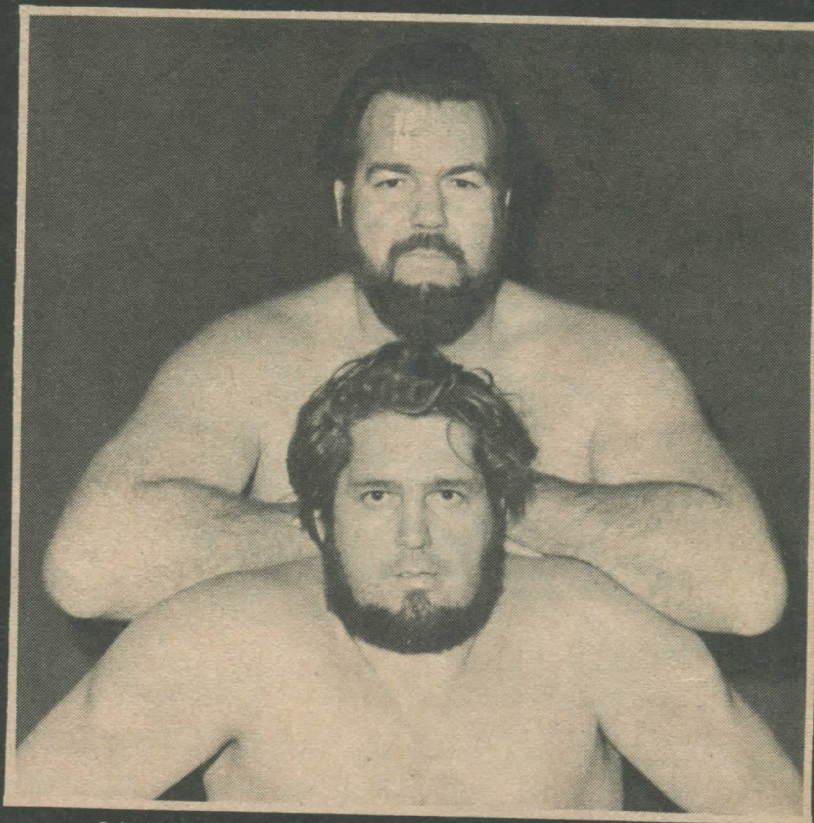
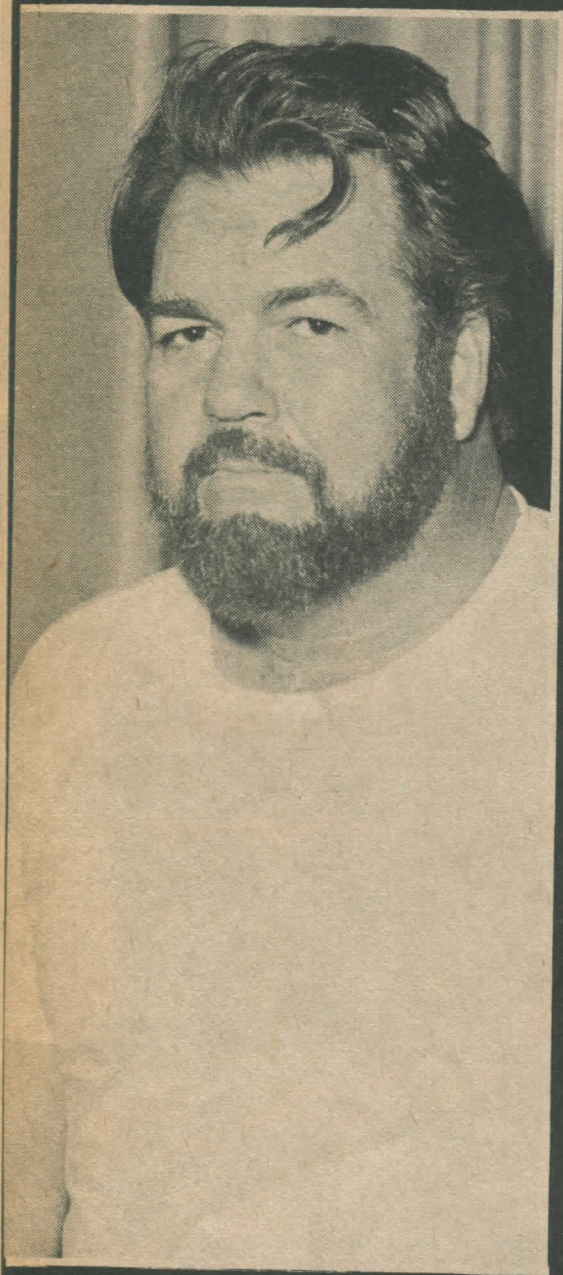
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Mike Graham is one of the most popular young wrestlers in Florida and wherever else he has appeared. The handsome youngster may prove that the new Graham generation is the best yet.

THE MAN THEY CALL GRIZZLY

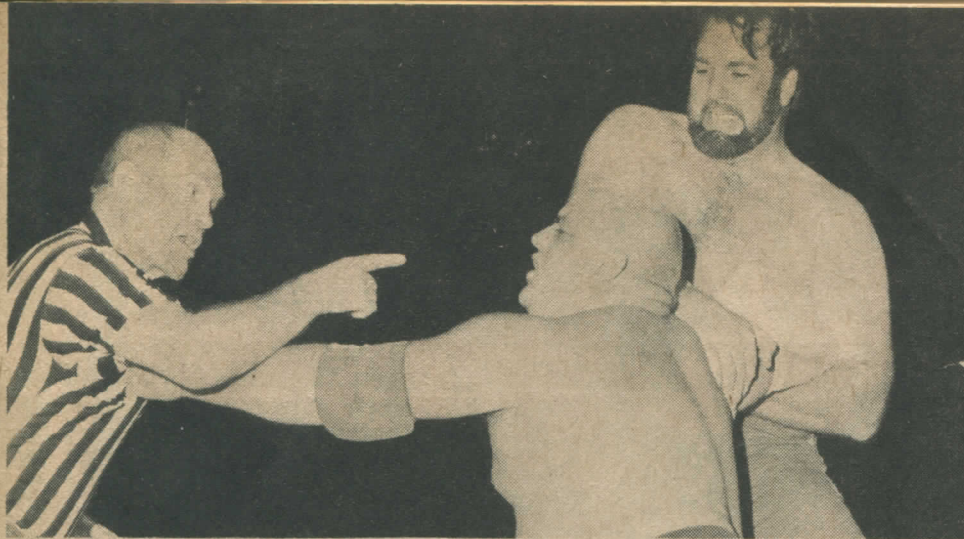
Jake Smith Is Now On His Own, But The Kentuckian Is Doing Better Than Ever.



Grizzly Smith and Luke Brown, known as The Kentuckians, get the votes of many experts as the top tag team of the 1960's.



On rare occasions Grizzly can come out of a match in very poor shape. This bloody photo of him shows one of those times. But though he was bleeding, Grizzly went on to win his match.



Grizzly Smith has a rough arm bar on Dirty Dusty Rhodes that has the Texan complaining. Smith knows that this is not the time to show mercy because once you have an advantage over Rhodes you do best to keep it.

By ETHEL McMANUS

There have been many great tag teams. It would be very hard to single out one team as being the very best at one period of time in the sport because there has never been a universally recognized set of World's Tag Team Champions.

But, taking the decade of the 1960's, it is hard to find a team that has been more successful than the one made up of Jake Smith and Luke Brown. They were known as The Kentuckians and anyone who saw them in action will never forget them.

They are both still wrestling, but in the last year it has been as singles stars. Luke has semi-retired to his Christmas Tree farm in Northern Minnesota but still does wrestle occasionally, most recently in Jim Crockett's territory in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Jake Smith continues to go strong. Since he and Luke lost the United States Tag Team Championship a year ago, Jake has been campaigning for a shot at singles titles, namely the North American Heavyweight Championship currently held by Cowboy Bill Watts and the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship currently held by Dory Funk Jr.

The one problem Grizzly is finding is that promoters don't think of him as a singles star. They always think of him in terms of tag matches and sometimes tend to overlook the fact that he is one of the very best heavyweights in the world as well. However, now that he has been wrestling on his own for a year he is proving that he is indeed a top heavyweight.

Either Funk or Watts will be

very hard pressed if they ever have to defend their title against Grizzly Smith because he is determined to become a singles champion and Grizzly usually gets what he goes after.

There have been several wrestlers who have come out of the hill country around Kentucky and adopted the scuffling style of that area to the professional wrestling ring, but none of them has done that more successfully than Grizzly Smith.

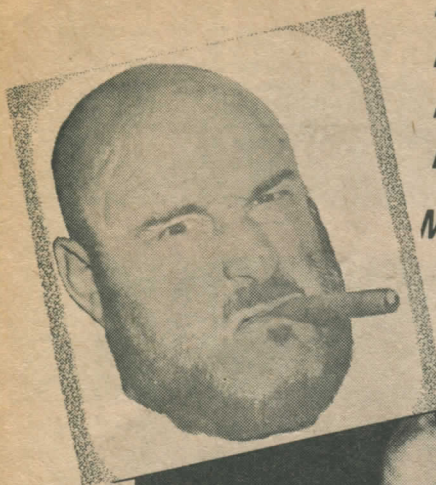
Grizzly is big. He weighs in at around 350 pounds and stands around 6'8" in height. He is one of the most popular wrestlers in the cities of Jackson, New Orleans, Shreveport, Little Rock, Wichita Falls, Joplin, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City, where he has done much of his recent wrestling.

The legend of The Kentuckians has been made. On the basis of their great success as a team during the past ten years Grizzly Smith and Luke Brown are almost sure to some day enter the professional Wrestling Hall of Fame, temporarily housed in WRESTLING MONTHLY'S offices.

But now Grizzly Smith is cutting out a new legend for himself as a singles star. He could very well end that career with one of the major titles in his possession. Anything is possible for this giant of the sport. And giant he is in every sense of the word. The only thing that we are sure is beyond his reach is the World's Junior Heavyweight Championship because no matter what he does Grizzly will never cut down enough weight to be a serious challenger to Danny Hodge.

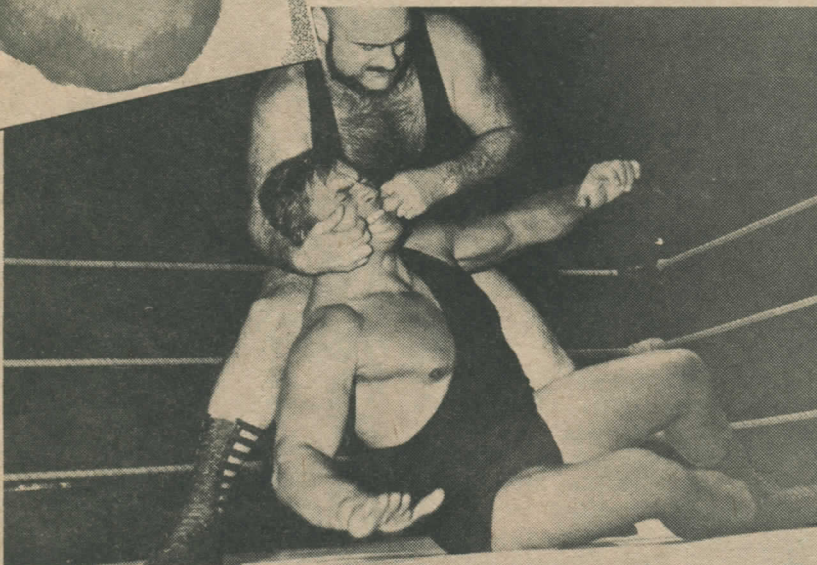
Little Darling Dagmar and Grizzly Smith. The small and the larger among the favorites of wrestling fans everywhere.



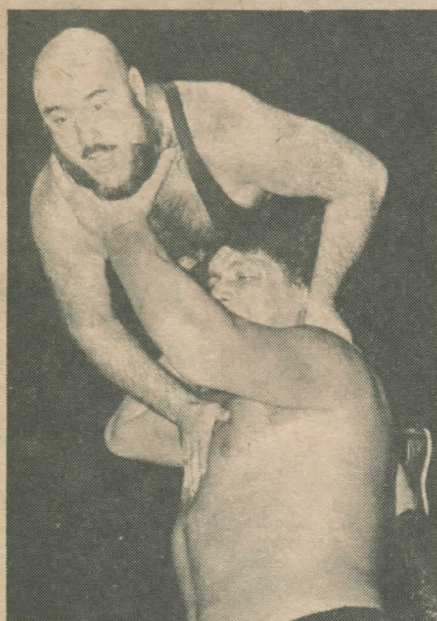


THE MAD DOG VACHON THAT I KNOW.

Maurice Vachon Continues To Be One Of Wrestling's Great Stars



Mad Dog Vachon rips at the mouth of Edouard Carpentier during a battle that saw the Dog win the Grand Prix Heavyweight Championship.



Don't feel sorry for the little Dog as he gets thrown around by The Giant. Mad Dog has brutalized so many of his fellow grapplers that none will ever punish him as much as he has punished others.

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

I first met Mad Dog Vachon as a wrestling promoter. That was back in the days when I ran wrestling cards in southern Minnesota, northern Iowa, and South Dakota. As a professional wrestling promoter, there were things about him that I liked. Those were the gate receipts every time Mad Dog was on the card.

He was the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Champion back in those days. He had taken the title from Minnesota favorite Verne Gagne and everyone was waiting for him to be defeated. On my very first card, Mad Dog faced the great Indian sensation from Minnesota, Billy "Red" Cloud. The bout was in New Ulm, Minnesota, and proved to be one of the best, both from the fans' standpoint and also in the box office. But in one respect the fans were disappointed. Mad Dog kept the title and came home the winner.

In the next five years Mad Dog often wrestled on the cards I promoted. He was always a great drawing card, but he always was uncontrollable. I remember a

night in Marshall, Minnesota, when I was doubling as ring announcer. You understand that my wrestling cards, though part of the A.W.A., were on a very small time basis. But it didn't matter to the Mad Dog that he was performing before a thousand or so people instead of the larger crowds he usually saw in Minneapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Winnipeg, Denver, Omaha, or St. Paul.

He went all out for victory any way he could get it. That night he threw me from my chair, grabbed the microphone cord, and went in after his opponent to choke him with it. That was the Mad Dog, grab anything and use what he can. No holds barred and no rules recognized. Victory is the only thing that counts.

Well, Mad Dog lost the title. The next I heard he had been in an automobile accident in Quebec and wasn't expected to ever recover from serious injuries that he had suffered.

Well, Mad Dog fooled the doctors. In less than a year he was back and a short time later he has brought his brother to A.W.A. territory as well. In a short time, Maurice and Paul, or Mad Dog and Butcher as they were known, had captured the A.W.A. World's Tag Team Championship from The Crusher and Dick the Bruiser.

For three years the Vachon Brothers reigned as tag team champions. Again the Vachon name meant box office magic for all the A.W.A. promoters. But if Mad Dog himself was hard to handle, then with his brother Butcher at his side he was even worse.

Oh, outside the ring and getting to his matches, Mad Dog was never a problem. No promoter ever had an easier and more reliable grappler to deal with. I remember one snowy night in South Dakota when I had matches scheduled in a small high school gym. There were eight wrestlers on the card but



Rapapapotski, the new tag team partner of Maurice Vachon, hails from Russia. He is often as brutal as the Dog.



One of the most dangerous holds in wrestling is the pile driver. Here Mad Dog is about to make Denis Gauthier the victim.

due to extremely bad weather only four wrestlers managed to make it through..

A big crowd had turned out so I didn't want to cancel the card. But we needed to do some last minute improvising. I asked the four wrestlers who were there if they would consider wrestling twice. They all agreed. After getting permission from the state athletic commissioner in attendance, we announced that four of the wrestlers schedule would not appear that night, but that the four who were there would wrestle twice, once in singles matches and once as a tag team.

Now I had one team made up of Pepper Gomez and Mil Mascaras, two wrestlers of similar styles and background who were friendly and I knew would have no objection to teaming. The other two grapplers were Mad Dog Vachon and Shozo Kobayshi. I was a bit reluctant to ask Mad Dog to take a different partner, especially one he had never worked with before, since most holders of the World's Tag Team Championship would be reluctant to wrestle in a tag team match with anyone else but their championship partner. Not so Mad Dog, he agreed immediately and I must admit that the tag team match that resulted was one of the best I have ever seen—fought as hard as any championship tag team battle ever seen in a large auditorium.

One other comment on the fact that a promoter can always count on Mad Dog Vachon to wrestle wherever he is booked. I promoted monthly shows during the winter in Fairmont,

Minnesota. Mad Dog wrestled on several of them but one month when I tried to book him he had already signed for a bout in another town on that date. Well, I signed a complete card and forgot about Mad Dog. Meanwhile, his other booking fell through. So, even though he was not on the card Mad Dog drove some five hundred miles that day to Fairmont to attend the card.

Shortly after I came east to take over the job of editor of this magazine, Mad Dog and Butcher lost the A.W.A. tag title to Red Bastien and Hercules Cortez. After losing that title, the Vachon Brothers, although they still appear from time to time on A.W.A. cards, moved back home to Quebec and now wrestle mainly on the Grand Prix circuit throughout western Canada. I have managed to make about a half dozen visits to the area during the past year and a half. Almost every time I saw the Mad Dog in action.

You may have guessed by this time, and I will admit it. I like Mad Dog Vachon. As a person he has always been friendly and considerate. I've even been a guest in his home.

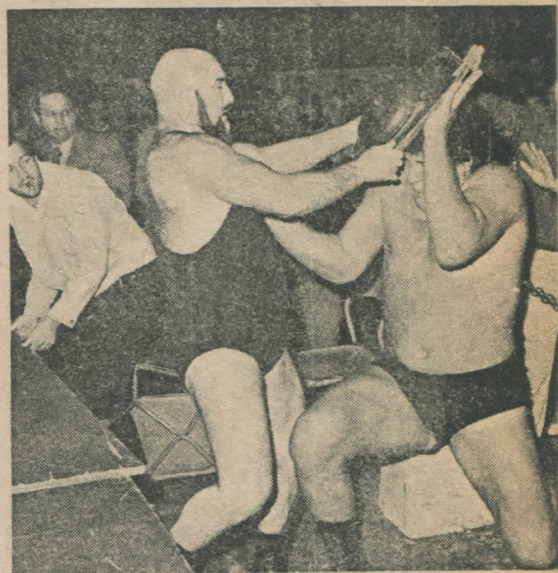
You might expect me to say that Mad Dog Vachon has mellowed into a different sort of a person in his native Quebec. Being in his home territory, one might expect that he is no longer the brute in the wrestling ring that I used to know.

Well, much as I like Mad Dog Vachon as a person, I despise the way he wrestles! If anything he is worse ever. Sure I know that in recent months he has even been

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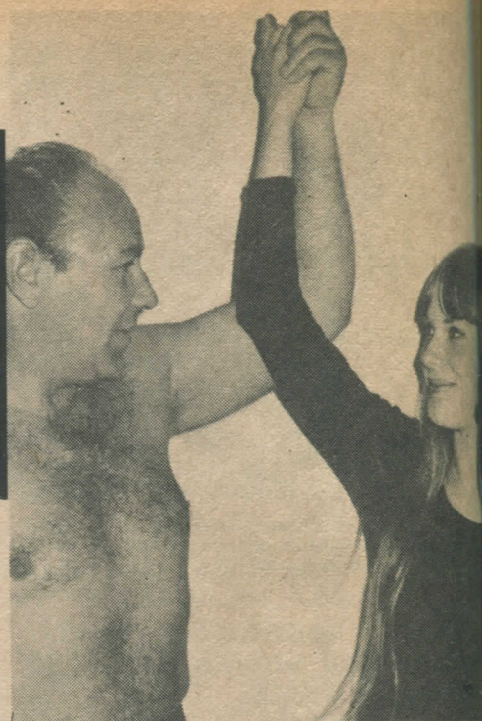


Mad Dog will use anything he can get his hands on as a weapon. Here he tries to choke Edouard Carpentier with a chain.



We told you not to feel sorry when Mad Dog is manhandled by The Giant. When the Dog fought back he cracked the Giant over the head with the metal ring bell.

WOMEN'S WRESTLING GETS THE "ALL CLEAR" IN NEW ZEALAND



Veteran heavyweight wrestling star Willem Schumaker of Holland is proud of the feats of his daughter Monica Schumaker in New Zealand rings.

By DAVE CAMERON

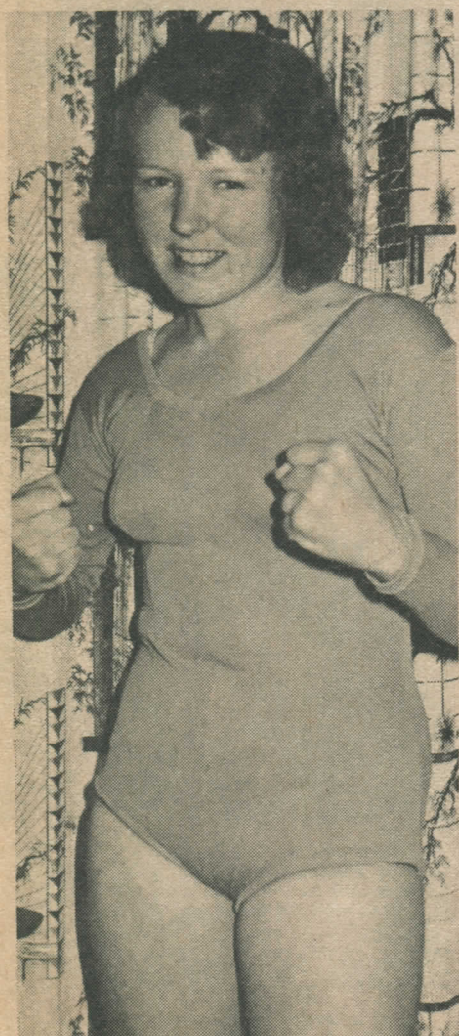
This has been a history-making year for wrestling in New Zealand. First Jim Barnett and Steve Rickard brought the Americans here and now the ladies have finally been given a police clearance to wrestle.

A few years ago, Laurel Smith was all set to make her debut as a pro wrestler here but the police stepped in and placed a ban on the girls competing in New Zealand. Disillusioned, she went to Noumea and wrestled the Australian girl, Paulette Girot. On her return here she trained a group of youngsters, but the police were determined not to lift the ban, so she fled to France, where she has remained ever since.

Early this year a ladies match was advertised between the beautiful Dutch girl, Monica Schumaker, daughter of Dutch pro wrestler William Schumaker, and Donna Collecutt, pretty Auckland housewife, whose husband is the boisterous Australian rule-bender, Tiger Collecutt. Indeed, it looked as though the ban had been lifted and the ladies had the "all-clear" to compete here.

However, at the last minute, the police refused the permit,

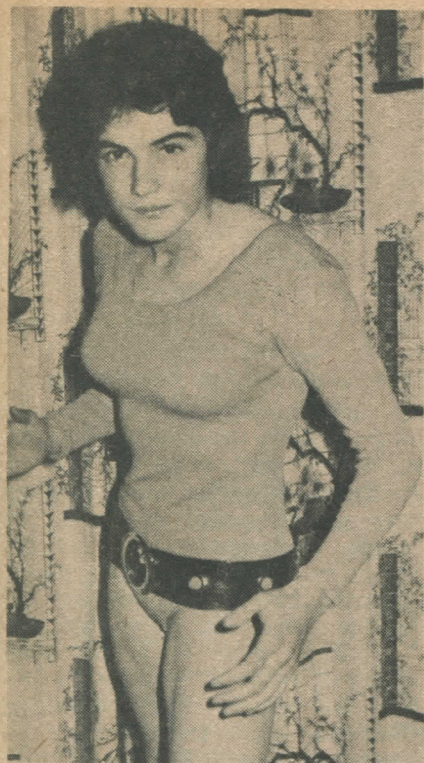
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Little Mo Wells is one of the new popular girl wrestling stars in New Zealand.



Wells, a native of New Zealand, and her tag team partner, Mona West, who hails from Europe.



Bobbi Miles is another gal who has been doing great guns in New Zealand.



Sherri Sinatra of Italy and Miles, a New Zealand native, are one of the top tag teams here.



New Zealand promoter Ernie Pinches with Sherri Sinatra.



Debbie Wayland came all the way from Wales to wrestle in the small island nation down under.



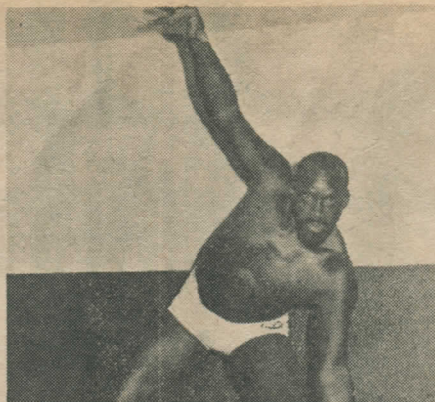
The first New Zealand Maori wrestler is Kimba Tahu. She has proved a big hit.



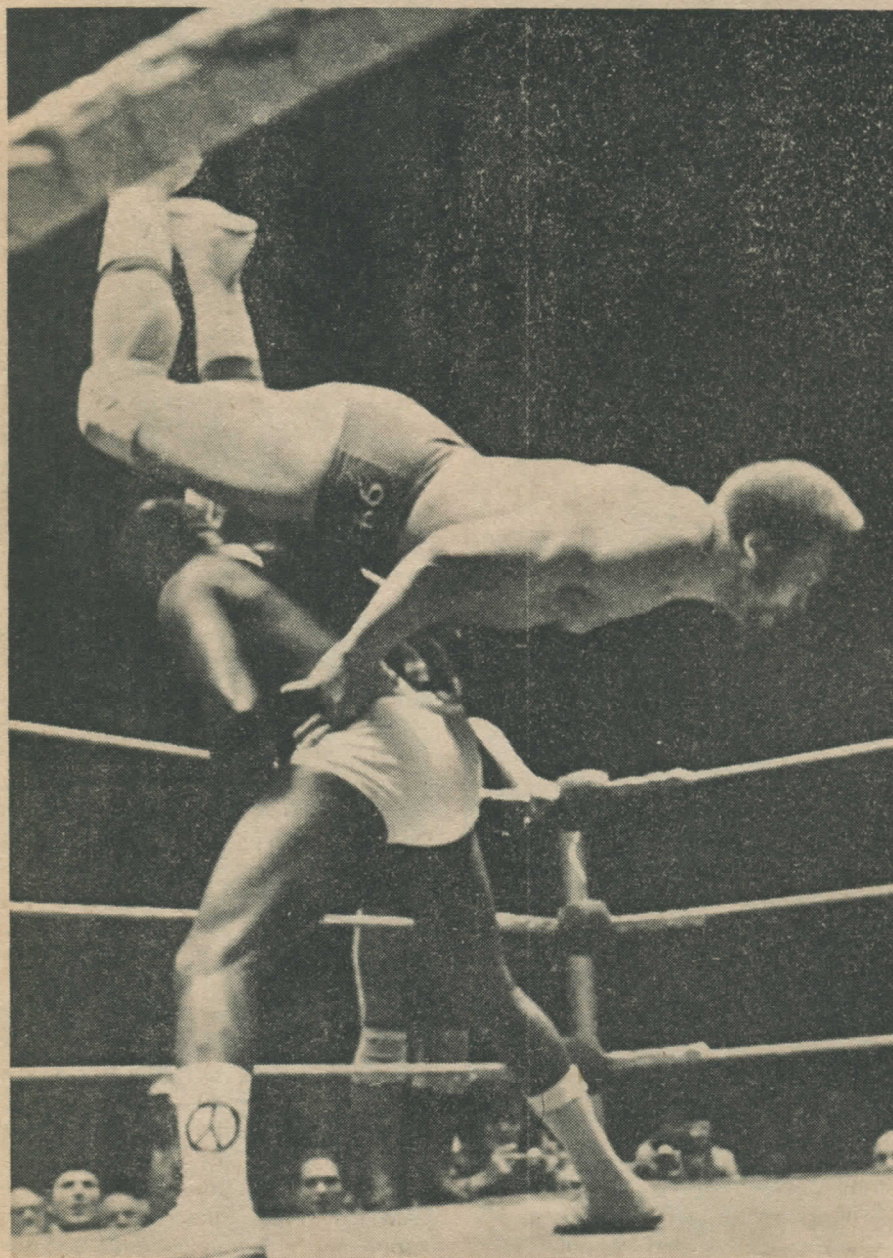
Linda Tyson not only has the brawn of a great wrestler, but also a lot of beauty which is admired both inside and outside the ring.

Profile On SONNY KING

By ED LOUGHMAN



Sonny King, he came into wrestling from Detroit a few years ago, and in months he has really come into his own as one of the top stars in professional wrestling.



Sonny King flips Big Ernie Ladd over his head in Madison Square Garden. King and Ladd are among the bitterest rivals in professional wrestling today.

Sonny King has been wrestling for several years now. He has made appearances all over the country but it is only in recent months that he has become one of the sport's real super stars.

Sonny, who is a native of Detroit, really came into his own in the World Wide Wrestling Federation territory. He captured the W.W.W.F. World's Tag Team Championship with Jay Strongbow, from Baron Mikel Scicluna and King Curtis Iaukea. That act alone propelled him to the forefront.

Even though Sonny and Strongbow later lost the title to Professor Tanaka and Mr. Fuji, Sonny so established himself as a top favorite that he is going to be a favorite of fans in the Northeast for a long time. He and Chief Strongbow are going all out to regain the title from the Japanese team and they might very well do it.

Sonny came from an athletic background in Detroit. He was an all around athlete in high school. However, wrestling was always his favorite sport and his fans could not be happier about the fact that he decided to concentrate on it full time.

There is no question now that Sonny King is going to receive a lot of national publicity because he is so well deserving of it. A scientific grappler in his approach to the mat game, Sonny has proved that he can go any style if his opponent should force the issue.

Don't forget the name of Sonny King. You aren't going to have a chance to because I predict that it will be appearing often in wrestling magazines in the future and Sonny King is going to be a top star in wrestling arenas all over the world in years ahead.



THE LISTENING POST

By EARLE F. YETTER

Just about the best piece of information this month is that after years of battling for the right to earn their livelihoods the girl wrestlers have received the green light to perform on New York State mats.

Charges of discrimination, court battles, and seeking their equal rights, the girl wrestlers fought a long, hard fight for the privilege of appearing on New York State mats. So much pressure had been placed upon Edwin B. Dooley, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, when he continually turned thumbs down on the girls' appearances in New York State that he finally had to submit in their favor, and that is as it should be.

Among the girls who sought equal rights for the women wrestlers were Titi Jacobson, who wrestles under the nom be mat of Chi Chi Paris, and Rosalyn Drexler and the Fabulous Moolah, all of whom claimed that the girls were entitled to earn their livelihoods on the mat the same as the men. Robert C. Clark, of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. was also instrumental in assisting the girls to obtain their licenses in New York State. The writer also has repeatedly expounded the cause of the women. It has been a long fight and the girls at last have come up with a deserved victory. More power to them.

Now the more frustrated of the male species will at least have the opportunity to see the girls in action. Many of them will wonder whether their better halves will get ideas about applying head-locks and even choke holds when they find themselves in the midst of a family argument. Well, you asked for it, men, and you'll have to take the consequences.

The writer receives many letters from fans who want to know who is the real world champion. In reply, let me say that pro wrestling today is operated under the jurisdiction of four wrestling factions. The oldest of these factions is the National Wrestling Alliance which has Dory Funk, Jr. as its champion. Then comes the American Wrestling Association with Verne Gagne as champion. The World Wide Wrestling Federation comes up with Pedro Morales as its champion.

A little more than a year ago a new faction known as the National

Wrestling Federation came upon the scene and signed up top echelon wrestlers for appearances on the Eastern seaboard, including New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. For about eight months Waldo von Erich was champion of this faction. He was succeeded by Big Ernie Ladd for the title belt. In a battle which the fans are still talking about, Abdullah the Butcher took the belt from Ladd and at this writing is still on the throne.

It is hoped that someday there will only be one champion. That is the objective of the National Wrestling Alliance. However, unless a tournament can be devised in which the four champions are willing to participate, it is apparent that pro wrestling will continue under the jurisdiction of the four factions as previously. There have been rumors of possible mergers of the factions, but nothing definite is in the offing at the present time.

Wrestling is not the only sport that has divisions. Baseball has four, hockey two, and pro football has six and it is all for money reasons. What would happen today is all 26 pro football teams were in one division? Half of the teams would be out of it half way through the season. Then, goodbye interest and farewell to the big television money.

It is possible that wrestling's four groups may consider a "super bowl" series of their own by 1973 with the losing champs within their groups keeping their titles but the winner would then be "king of them all."

Whether such a series of matches will be consummated remains to be seen. It appears that each faction insists on having its own champion and whether contemplated changes are to be made is open to conjecture at the present time.

When it comes right down to cases one has to agree that the public made the rules of wrestling. They like to see the good guy take on the villain, and the result is drama in the making, and

that is why wrestling maintains its immense popularity with the fans from coast to coast, and it is what the world is all about anyway.

The master minds behind pro wrestling would like to see the sport get its proper share of publicity on the sports pages of the metropolitan daily newspapers. This has not been the case in the past because some sports editors did not accept wrestling as a sport but instead called it an exhibition. Be that as it may, some sportswriters have come to realize that pro wrestling today is outdrawing football attendance-wise, and wrestling is now getting front page publicity in some cities.

The trend seems to be that pro wrestling is a big spectator sport and has a way of entertaining millions of people who seek excitement following their workaday existences. They seek a way of blowing off steam and the only way they can so it is to go to the wrestling matches where they can shout to their heart's content, where they can razz the villains, and cheer the good guys, and otherwise enjoy an evening well spent in trying to relax their jaded nerves. That is what is happening in present day wrestling. That wrestling will continue to maintain its high degree of popularity is a foregone conclusion. When wrestling stands up for itself and gives the fans the kind of matches they like to see then the success of pro wrestling will be assured. Many promoters are taking that attitude today and it is proving to be a bonanza for them.

When the girls received the edict that they can now perform on New York State mats last July, it was the privilege of Fabulous Moolah, champion of the girls brigade, to make her debut to an Eastern audience.

Arrogant, but proud, Moolah came, saw, and conquered a fighting opponent in Debbie Johnson who was leveled by a drop-kick in 9:18 of fast, turbulent action that should make the

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JARRING JOHNNY KACE

WRESTLING'S FRIENDLY VILLAIN

By WILLIAM ONDECKO
& MIKE NOVARRA

Since the mid-1960's, Johnny Kace has been a familiar figure to wrestling fans in Chicago and throughout the Midwest. Winning his first match by pinfall against Milt Olsen at the Marigold Arena, John's career went up and up ever since. Starting out in the pros among such notables as Lou Thesz, Billy Goetz, Gypsy Joe, and Buddy Rogers, John has met all the great mat artists during his twenty year career, including Dick The Bruiser, Verne Gagne, Wilbur Snyder, Pat O'Connor, and just about any other mat star you can name. Kace's style of wrestling can be described in one way—a brutal and scientific one—one which has left many an opponent stretched out on the mat. "I like to wear my opponent down, and to really work on him, not giving him a minute of rest."

In the early 1960's he was at his peak and often campaigned with Nicoli Volkoff. The Russian born Volkoff joined Johnny after he and his brother, Boris, broke up their team. Volkoff and Kace worked well together, and upended many a top-ranked tag team with their unscrupulous style of grappling. Kace and Volkoff would enter the ring together with a large leather padded log, which they would proceed to hang on the corner turnbuckle. What followed was usually enough to strike terror into the hearts of even the most courageous opponents. Kace and Volkoff would attack the log with their forearms smashing down on it full force, which would send loud booming thuds echoing throughout the arena. The pre-bout warm-up achieved two ends. One, it unnerved their opponents, and two, it built up their forearms so that they could deliver bone-crushing blows that were quite capable of causing serious internal injuries. These forearm smashes were usually aimed at the heart or kidneys. Volkoff and Kace were one of the most feared teams around at that time.

Johnny Kace not only shared a part of the tag team's greatness,



Johnny Kace and Nicoli Volkoff formed a much feared tag team during the 1960's. On occasion they still team together.

but was an outstanding singles wrestler. He won and lost the Midwest Heavyweight title on several occasions. His matches with top scientific wrestlers such as Johnny Gilbert and Billy Goetz were more like wars, than wrestling matches. These are considered to be classic brawls in wrestling history.

Standing 5'11" and weighing 240 pounds, John is all business when he enters the ring. While wrestling in tag-teams, John has met such formidable foes as Dick the Bruiser, and The Crusher. Argentina Rocca and Bruno Sammartino, and others too numerous to mention.

During his career, John has had his share of injuries. "I've had my knees, elbows, teeth, ribs, and just about everything else you can think of injured. Everybody picks up his share of injuries, it just takes time."

When wrestling experts talk about veteran mat campaigners, the name of Johnny Kace always comes up. This staunch 38-year-old veteran of pro rings is still the highlight of many wrestling cards. He has given up-and-coming talent such as Dale Mann, Paul Christy, Prince Pullens and Tom Lynch some very hard times in recent matches. Johnny has provided much excitement in three major shows at the International Amphitheatre in Chicago in 1971, wrestling against such greats as Sailor Art Thomas, Joe Scarpello and Red Bastien. In his first match of 1972 he completely dominated Treach Phillips. Kace beat him with his favorite hold, a backbreaker, and pin. Johnny was the crowd's favorite in this match, and everyone was glad to see the villainous Phillips get his just reward. It must have felt strange to Johnny to be on the receiving end of the fan's cheers instead of the usual boos.

Johnny does not wrestle as often as he used to, and he is more valuable to Chicago promoter Bob Luce behind the scenes than in the ring. Kace who often sold tickets and set up the ring in small towns throughout the Midwest, is now considered the Chicago promoter's right-hand man. Bob Luce has perhaps one of the most unusual and entertaining wrestling programs on television, in which he presents top matches between equally skilled grapplers. There is

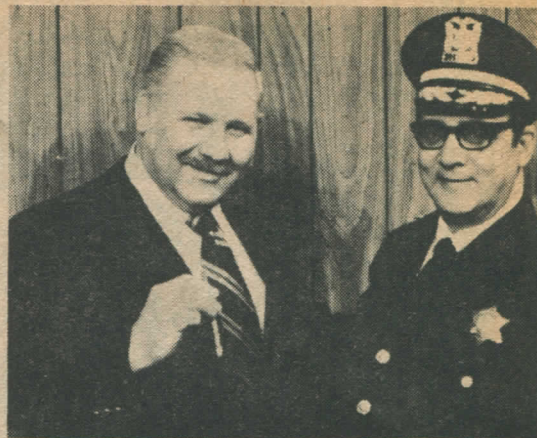
also a spot on the show in which Johnny frequently answers telephone questions that the fans put to him in Bob Luce's wrestling show, aired from 12 to 1 o'clock in the Chicago area, broadcast from Channel 44's television studios. On the show, John handles the commentary for the 'Hold of the Week', a portion of the show in which two wrestlers demonstrate a wrestling hold for the fans. It is special added features like this that help make this wrestling show such a refreshing change from the ordinary run-of-the-mill TV programs in other towns. John stated: "Working with Bob Luce and being associated with him, in television work and promoting, is one of the high points in my career."

Wrestling has long been in Johnny's bloodstream. Before turning professional, Johnny wrestled at Marquette University. He never had his duel-meet record equaled. Captain of the 1951 squad, John was brought into the pros by all-time football and wrestling great Jim McMillen, and his college coach Larry Leaderman. Winning the Wisconsin state wrestling championship, and also playing football, John was a natural for the pro ranks. He married the daughter of Jim McMillen.

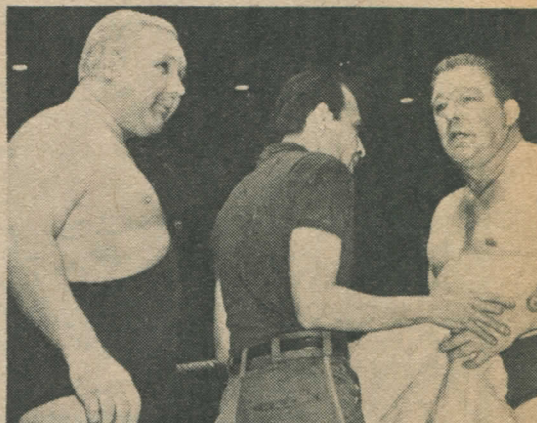
John still religiously sticks to working out with weights, running, and a good all-around diet. With all the qualifications of a champion—you can see that Johnny Kace is truly one of the all-time pro-wrestling greats.

Although he has always been a villain in the ring, there was never any carry-over in his personality. That is to say that outside of the ring, he is always friendly and polite. He has perhaps won more fans by his friendly attitude toward them outside of the ring, than by all of his many triumphs in his long career. He can always be found by the dressing room door chatting with the fans, and signing autographs for the young people gathered there.

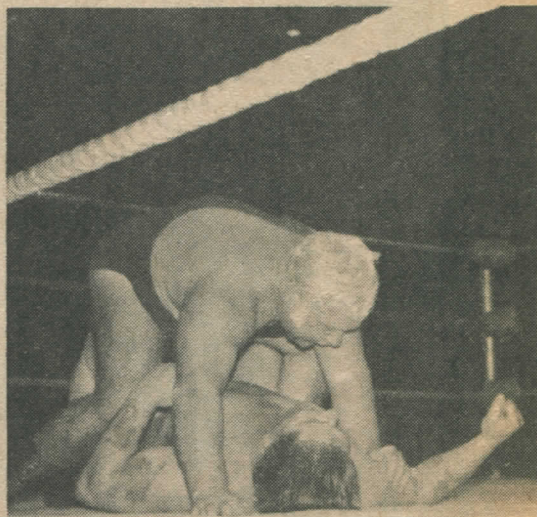
Johnny Kace is still going strong in the sport of wrestling, and no doubt he will continue to for many years to come. Wrestling has been good to Johnny Kace and he has been good for wrestling, both in the ring, and on the promotional team as well.



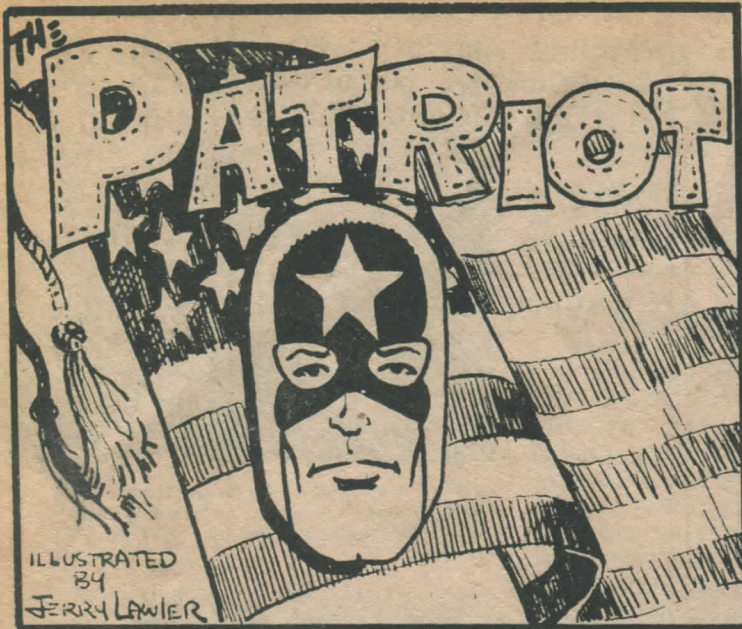
Johnny is seen here with his good friend Bill Watson who is in charge of providing security for the wrestlers to and from the ring.



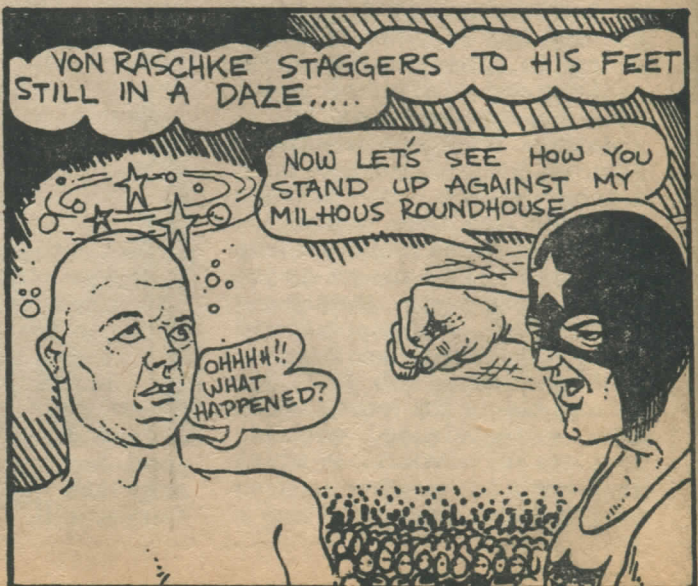
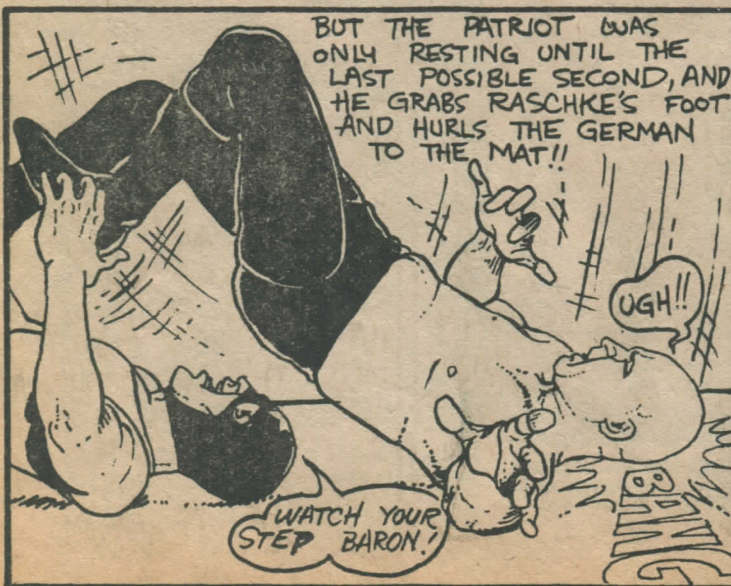
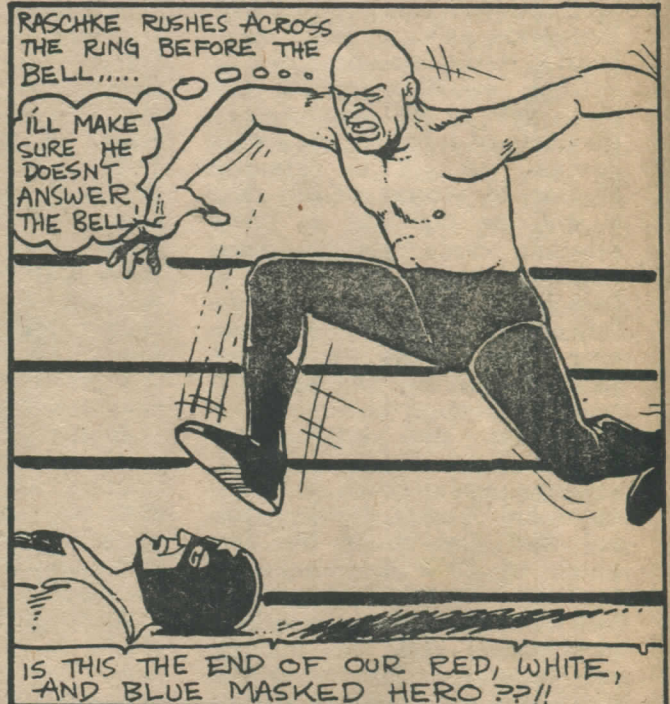
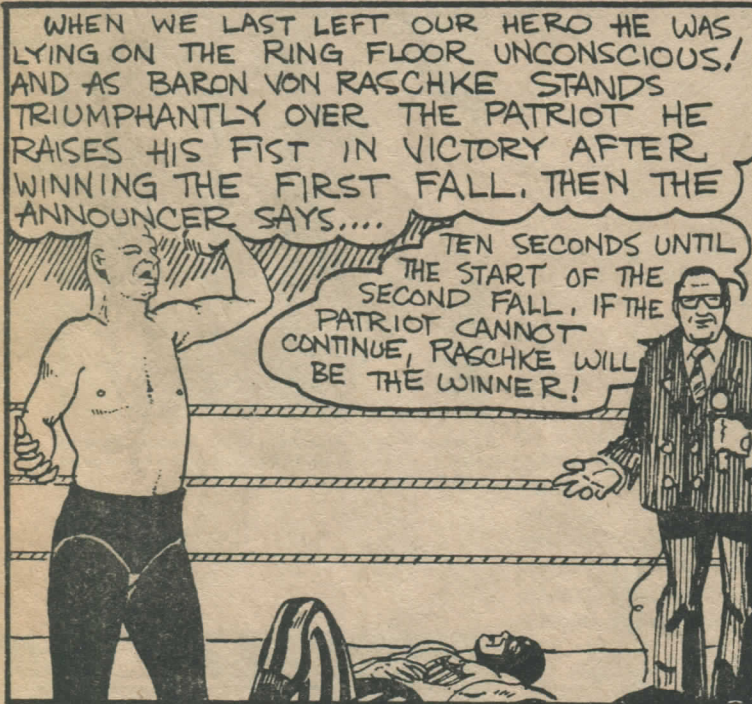
Johnny was matched with Treach Phillips on a recent Amphitheatre card and proved to be the crowd's favorite.



After a rough and tough match, Johnny pinned the veteran Phillips.



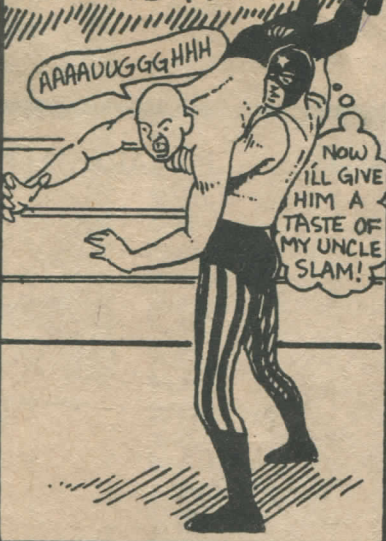
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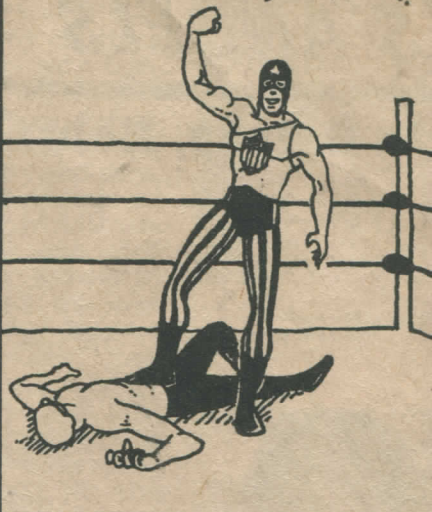
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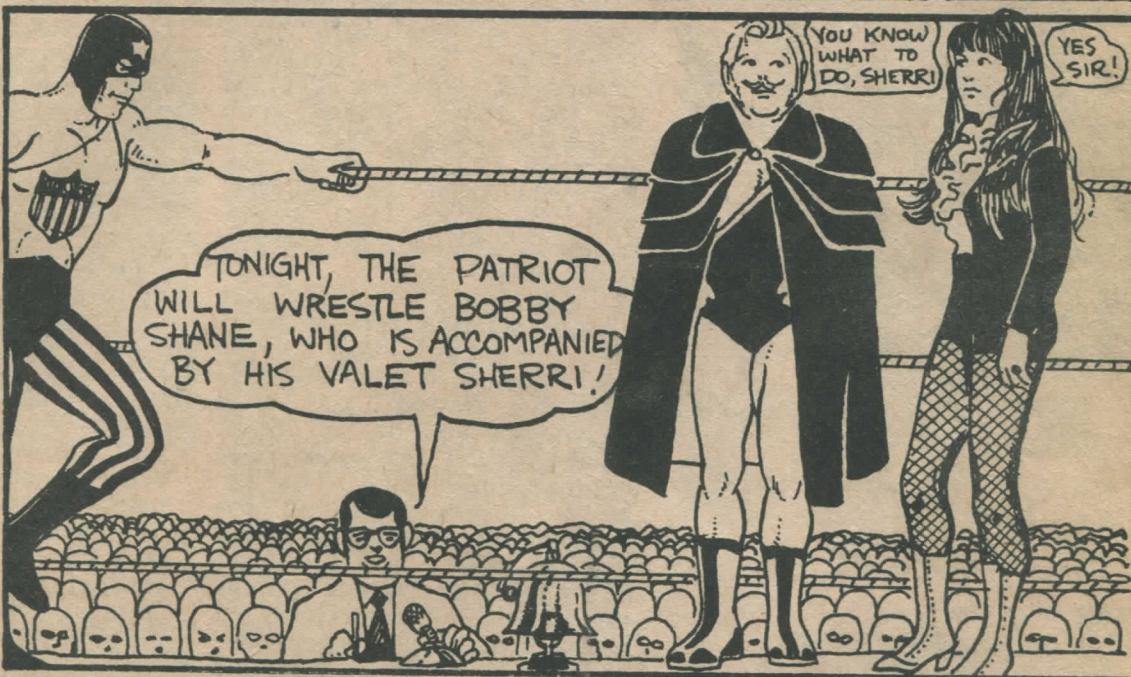
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THE PATRIOT FLIES IN HIS OWN PERSONAL LEAR JET TO TAMPA FLORIDA FOR HIS NEXT MATCH.....



YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, SHERRI!

YES SIR!

SHERRI WALKS TO ONE CORNER OF THE RING AND OUR HEROS EYES ARE GLUED TO HERS....



BUT WATCH OUT PATRIOT, SHANE IS SNEAKING UP BEHIND YOU!!

I'LL CLOBBER THIS MASKED FREAK BEFORE THE MATCH STARTS WHILE HE'S DISTRACTED!



★ HAS OUR HERO, FORGOTTEN HE'S IN A WRESTLING MATCH? HAS THIS BEAUTIFUL WOMAN DISTRACTED HIM TO THE POINT WHERE HE WILL BE DEFEATED AND UNMASKED BEFORE HE REALIZES WHAT IS HAPPENING? DON'T MISS THE NEXT PATRIOT ADVENTURE IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF WRESTLING MONTHLY! SAME PAT-PAGES ★ SAME MAT MAGAZINE!



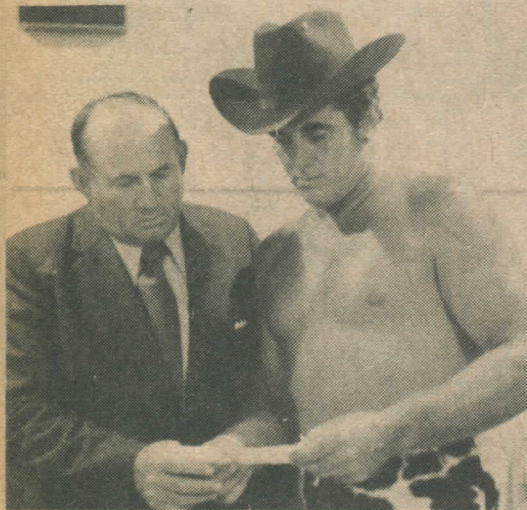
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE HELL'S ANGELS

They're In Omaha, Nebraska!

By MARK ZALKIN & DAVID BLOCH



Christopher Colt and his manager, Ronald, read a program while trying to relax before the Ellis match.



Cowboy Bob Ellis and Omaha promoter Joe Dusek examine the new contract changing Ellis' opponent from Bob Geigel to Christopher Colt.

Throughout the wrestling capitals of the world, one question has remained unanswered: Whatever happened to the Hell's Angels? Two WRESTLING MONTHLY reporters have discovered that the Hell's Angels are alive, well, and brawling in Omaha, Nebraska — but not in a way you might think.

These two grapplers disappeared from the mat scene after defeating almost all the teams they faced from Detroit to Phoenix. Detroit fans well remember one of the most grueling battles ever to take place in the Motor City when the Hell's Angels defeated the Kangaroos in a gruesome Cobo Arena blood-letting. After disposing of all foes and winning the World's Tag Team Title, they simply dropped from sight. The question is, where did they go? In covering a match between Cowboy Bob Ellis and Chris Markoff, WRESTLING MONTHLY was astounded to hear cries of "Hell's Angels!" from the crowd when a seemingly unknown wrestler named Christopher Colt and his manager, Ronald Dupree, climbed into the ring for a preliminary bout. Pursuing the matter further, WRESTLING MONTHLY got them to admit in a steamy dressing room that they were indeed, the long-lost Hell's Angels. When confronted with the question of why such a successful tag team was split up, Colt answered that they defeated all their opposition and now decided that it was time for one

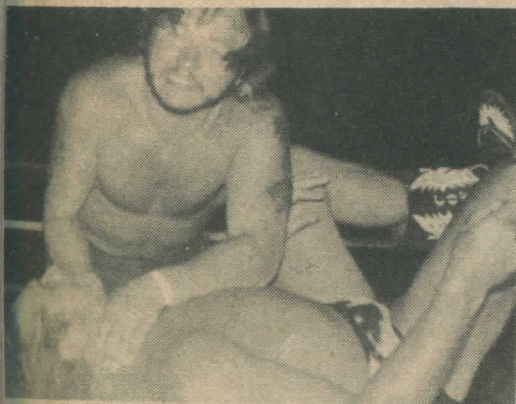
of them to go on to the World's Heavyweight Title. Colt, the bigger of the two, got the assignment, while Ronald, as he likes to be called, decided to put all his energy and intellect into managing Colt's ascent to the crown.

Colt's solo success goes back to the streets and barrooms of Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco where Colt grew up in the midst of beatniks, drug addicts, and thugs. Many a night Chris' knuckles were sore from having to fight his way home through crowds of would-be assailants. Colt broke into wrestling in order to earn money to feed his habit — shiny new sports cars. At 235 pounds, Colt isn't the biggest wrestler around — or the smallest. But referees around the country will attest to the fact that he is the most disqualified wrestler in the game today. This definitely stems from the fact that Colt was once a member of California's Hell's Angels. He has now taken his inclination for mayhem from the streets of San Francisco to the mats of the world. Omaha promoter Joe Dusek said, "Dick the Bruiser at his wildest was a tame kitten compared to Christopher Colt."

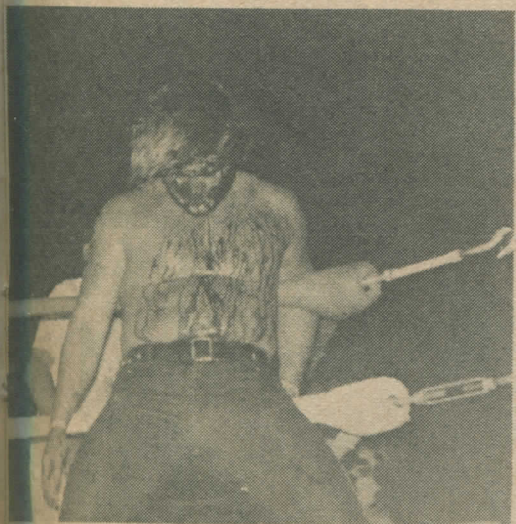
Ronald Dupree, native of Hollywood, California, in addition to his career in the ring, has had roles in several movies about the Hell's Angels, and once traveled with Janis Joplin and Big Brother and the Holding Company. But now, all of Ronald's attention is focused away from the lights and glamour of Hollywood to the



Chris Colt and manager concluding strategy conference for an upcoming match.



Chris Colt uses a "scientific" choke hold on Ellis early in the match.



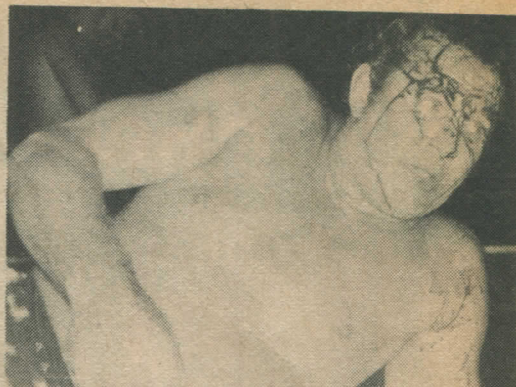
This left Ellis a bleeding mess, but.....

blood and sweat of the wrestling mat.

Colt's devastating defeat of Omar Atlas prompted veteran Omaha promoter Joe Dusek to give Colt a stiff test by matching him with one of the very best, Cowboy Bob Ellis. Colt handed Ellis his first television defeat, but not by conventional means. With a packed studio audience, and hundreds of thousands of fans watching at home, Ellis was defeated when Colt distracted the referee, allowing Ronald to batter Ellis' vulnerable forehead with his cane, causing him to bleed profusely. Colt then proceeded to pin the bloody, stunned Cowboy. Although Ellis had already signed a contract to wrestle former Big Ten Wrestling Champion Bob Giegel on the next Omaha card, Ellis begged Dusek to give him a return match with Colt immediately. Dusek complied, and changed Ellis' opponent from Giegel to Colt.

When one thinks of Big Red, one usually thinks of Nebraska's Championship football team. However, this term could very accurately describe the color of the mat when the smoke cleared after one of the most grueling and bloody matches in the history of professional wrestling. The match was even at a fall apiece, when Ronald again attacked Ellis' vulnerable forehead with his cane, nearly blinding Ellis in his own blood. A beserk Cowboy then chased Colt out of the ring, in true rodeo fashion, and smashed Colt's head into the Omaha Rosenblatt Stadium Grandstand, opening a gash in the brawler's forehead. Both men, weak from the loss of blood, knelt in the center of the crimson ring, exchanging blows, until referee Ernie Dusek stopped the match saying, "I just cannot let this continue," and called the match a draw.

Under the guidance of his manager, Ronald, it is quite evident that Christopher Colt is a serious contender for the World's title. His short solo career has already established him as one of the most feared and vicious men in the game. If Ronald's plans for the former Hell's Angel are successful, there will undoubtedly be a trail of blood leading to the crowning of Christopher Colt as the next World's Heavyweight Champion. Will you have the stomach to be there at his coronation?



.....before long Chris was suffering from the same problem.



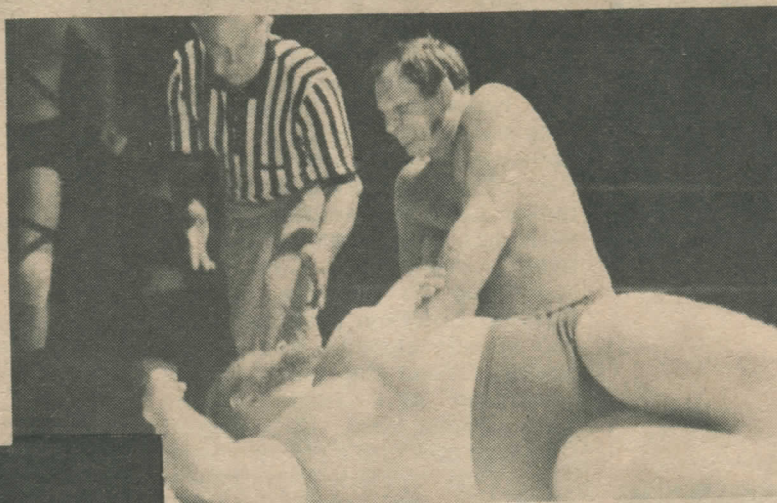
With both men bleeding and weak from loss of blood, referee Ernie Dusek stopped the match.



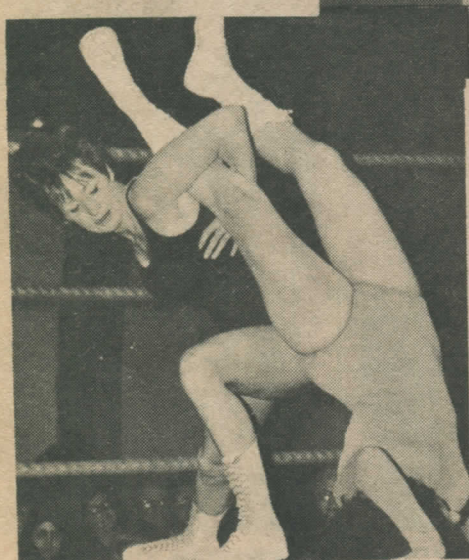
Ronald assesses the degree of injury to Colt after the match in the dressing room.

WRESTLING MONTHLY Checks Out

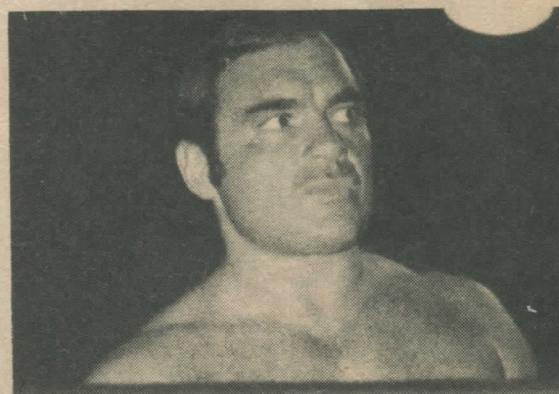
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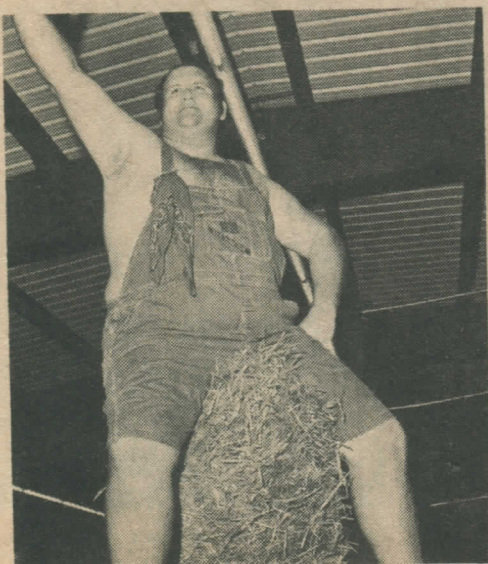
LEMAY, MISSOURI



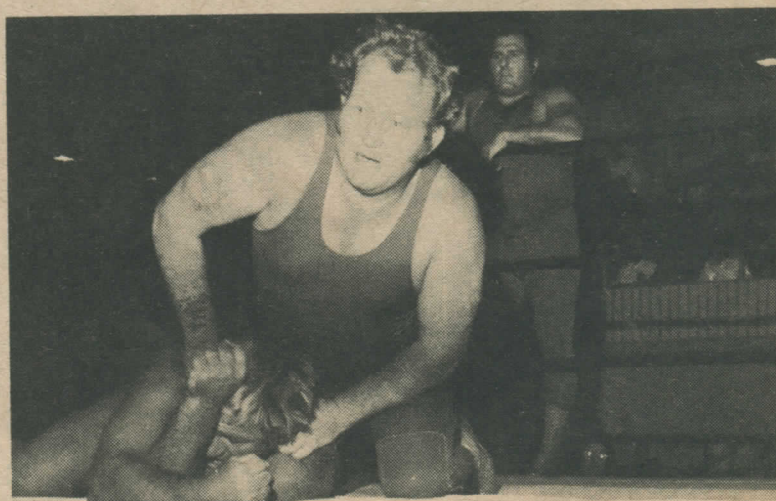
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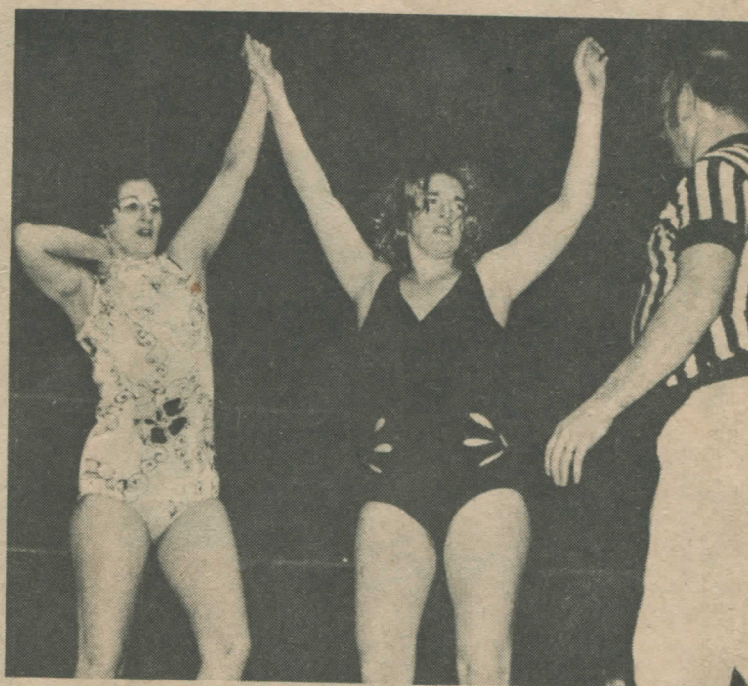
Barbara Galento chokes Donna Lemke during a torrid action in the first girl's tag team match ever seen in Winnipeg.



Viviane Vachon watches in dismay as Lemke is about to throw Galento, Viviane's partner, into the turnbuckle.



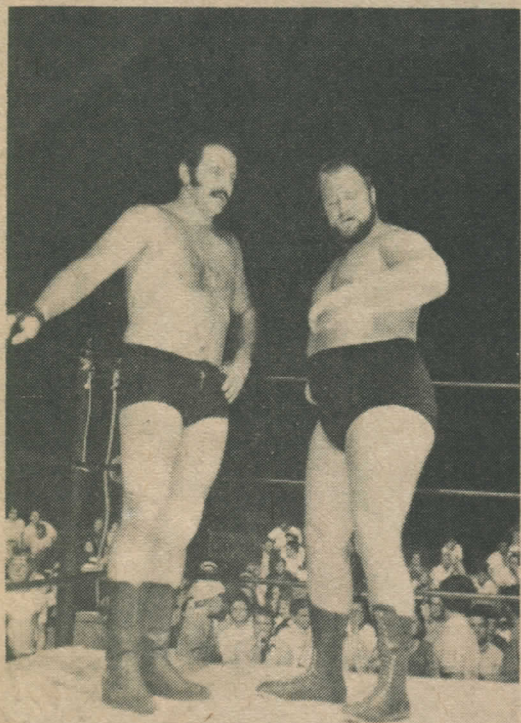
All four girls got involved in the action at some points. The referee didn't know who was supposed to be in the ring and who outside at this point.



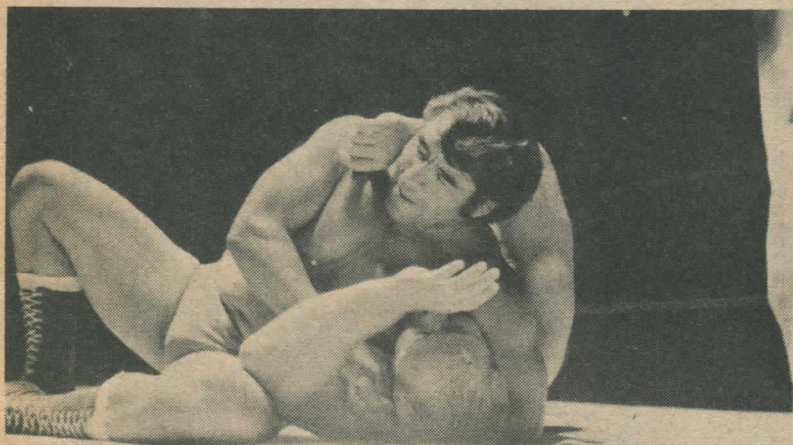
The winners of this historic match were Barbara Galento and Viviane Vachon as they defeated the team of Kay Noble and Donna Lemke.

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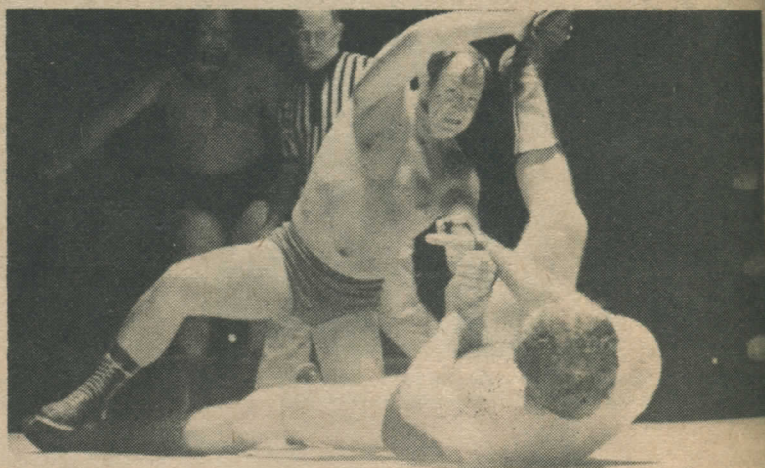
By DAVE BURZYNSKI



Black Jack Lanza and Beautiful Brutus get ready to do battle against the team of Pat O'Connor and Luis Martinez.



Luis has Brutus in a headlock and also near a pin fall. The O'Connor-Martinez team won the match.



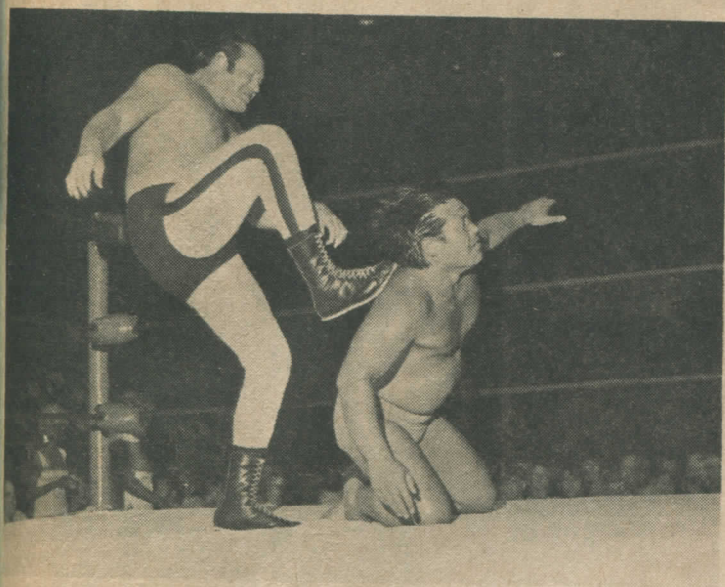
Pat spreads the legs of Lanza as Brutus waits for a chance to come to his partner's aid.



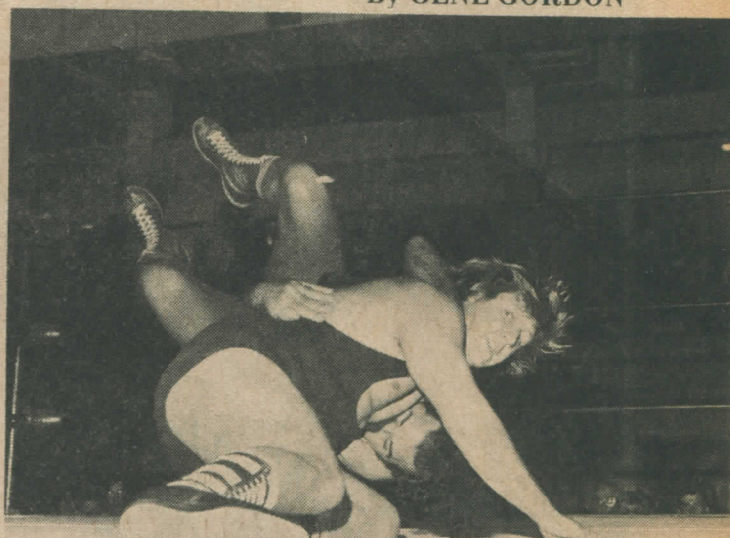
The special guest ring announcer for the night was the popular Joe Tangaro who is now a famous St. Louis restaurant owner.

CHARLOTTE

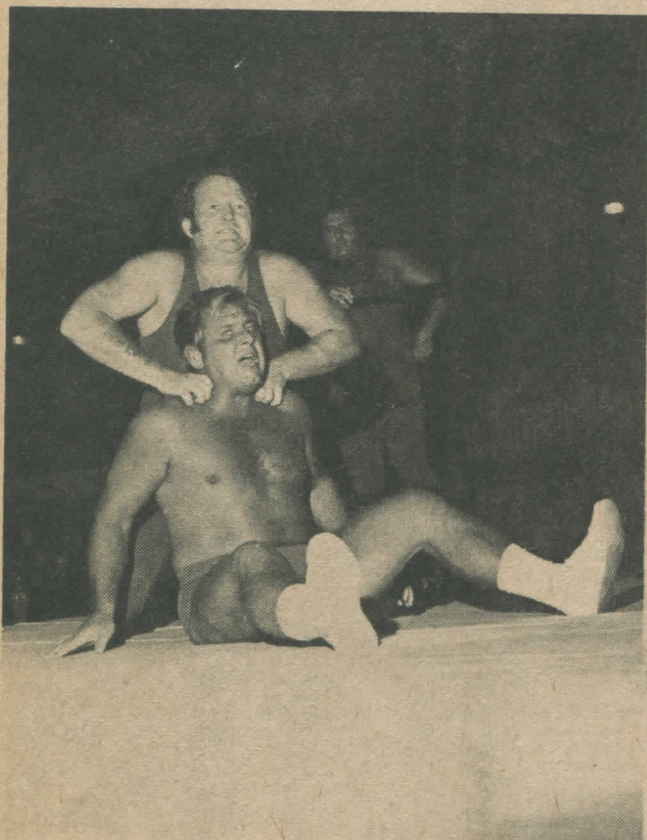
By GENE GORDON



Frank Martinez delivers a kick to the back of Matti Suzuki during a battle in the Charlotte ring.



Billy Spears flips Pancho "Gypsy Joe" Rosario while holging on to a headlock.



Billy Garret has a nerve pinch hold on Danny Miller during a recent tag team bout. Billy's partner, Jim Starr, can be seen in the back-ground.



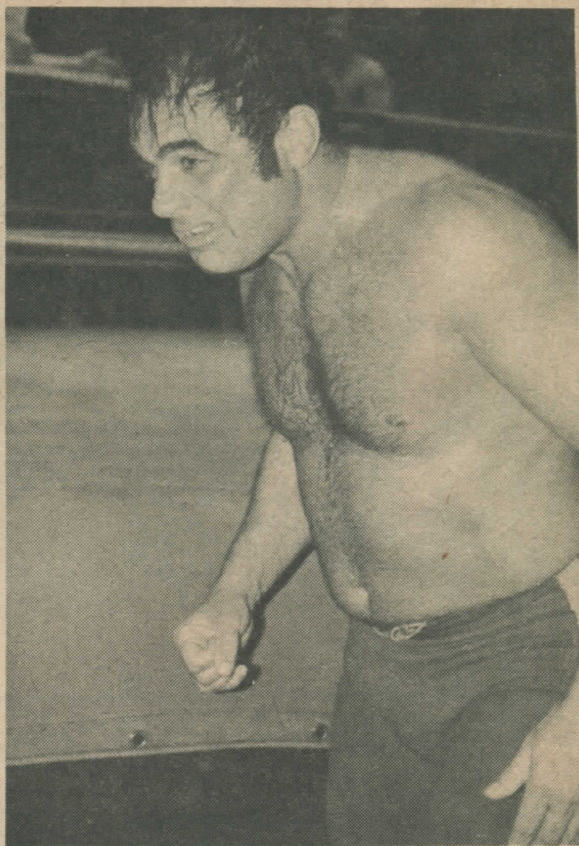
Les Thatcher carried the action against Mr. X outside the ring during another heated tag team battle.

LOS ANGELES

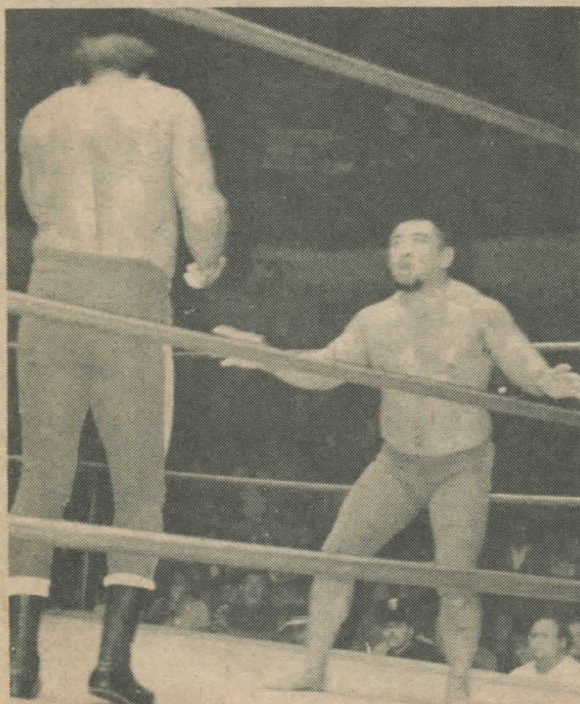
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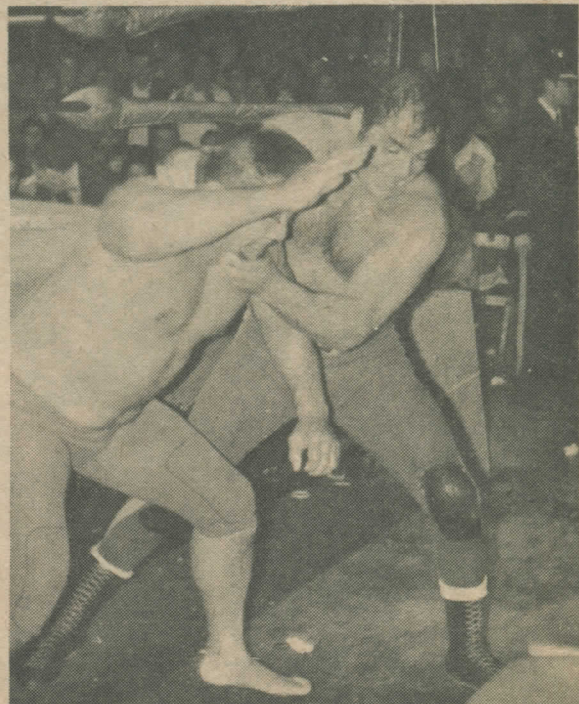
John Tolos and Kanji Shibuya carry their battle outside the ring and onto the floor of the arena.



The Golden Greek is after Shibuya who is on the run. Note the determination in John's eyes.



Shibuya tries to calm John down after making the dreadful mistake of "accidentally" throwing salt in Tolos' eyes.



Tolos shows Shibuya who he is called "the roughest wrestler alive" as he slams Kenji's head into a chair.

MONTGOMERY

By GENE GORDON



Stan Frazier, the Mississippi Plowboy, has a headlock on Nikita Mulkovitch during a tag match between Frazier and Jimmy Golden vs. Mulkovitch & Sam Bass.



Frazier picks up referee Jimmy Crockett to make his point, and makes the official well aware of the fact that he towers over them.



Daniel S. Wanko of WKAB-TV in Montgomery interviews Frazier and Jimmy Golden after their victory.

T. V. WRESTLING GUIDE



In this section we attempt to list every television wrestling show in the world. Although we have a fairly complete listing, the changeable nature of television schedules makes it impossible for us to be sure that it is complete and up to date. Therefore, we request that our readers help us by letting us know of any changes in the television schedule in their area, and of any shows that we have failed to list or listed incorrectly.



CHANNEL	CITY	DAY	TIME				
ALABAMA				IOWA			
19 WHNT	Huntsville	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	13 WHO	Des Moines	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	7 KWWL	Waterloo	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
33 WCFT	Tuscaloosa	Saturday	5:00 P.M.	3 KYVO	Ottumwa	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
42 WBMG	Birmingham	Saturday	10:00 P.M.	13 WHO	Des Moines	Sunday	11:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Wednesday	10:30 P.M.	4 KTVI	Sioux City	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
4 WTVY	Dothan	Saturday	4:30 P.M.	KANSAS			
32 WKAB	Montgomery	Saturday	10:15 P.M.	41 KBMA	Kansas City	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
ARIZONA				41 KBMA	Kansas City	Tuesday	6:00 P.M.
21 KPAZ	Phoenix	Thursday	7:00 P.M.	7 KOAM	Pittsburg	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
11 KZAZ	Nogales	Sunday	5:00 P.M.	KENTUCKY			
ARKANSAS				32 WLKY	Louisville	Sunday	4:00 P.M.
10 KTVE	El Dorado	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	13 WBKO	Bowling Green	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
5 KFSA	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.	13 WBKO	Bowling Green	Sunday	5:00 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	11 WDXR	Paducah	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Sunday	1:00 P.M.	LOUISIANA			
40 KFPW	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.	10 KTVE	El Dorado	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
CALIFORNIA				3 KTBS	Shreveport	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
13 KCOP	Los Angeles	Saturday	8:00 P.M.	6 WVUE	New Orleans	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Saturday	11:00 A.M.	10 KLFY	Monroe	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Wednesday	7:30 P.M.	26 WWOM	New Orleans	Saturday	9:30 P.M.
40 KLXA	Los Angeles	Friday	8:05 P.M.	9 WAFB	Lafayette	Sunday	12:00 P.M.
40 KTLX	Sacramento	Saturday	5:00 P.M.	MAINE			
36 KGSC	San Jose	Saturday	9:00 P.M.	13 WGAN	Portland	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
44 KBHK	San Francisco	Saturday	5:00 P.M.	5 WABI	Bangor	Saturday	11:15 P.M.
40 KTLX	Sacramento	Sunday	4:00 P.M.	MARYLAND			
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Thursday	11:00 P.M.	45 WBFF	Baltimore	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
COLORADO				25 WHAG	Hagerstown	Sunday	11:30 A.M.
4 KOA	Denver	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	MASSACHUSETTS			
5 KOAA	Pueblo	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	38 WSBK	Boston	Sunday	12:00 P.M.
5 KOAA	Pueblo	Friday	3:30 P.M.	56 WKBG	Boston	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA				27 WSMW	Worcester	Saturday	11:30 P.M.
20 WDCA	Washington	Saturday	3:30 P.M.	22 WSPR	Springfield	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
FLORIDA				MICHIGAN			
3 WEAR	Pensacola	Saturday	10:00 P.M.	10 WLIX	Lansing	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
12 WFGA	Jacksonville	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	62 WXON	Detroit	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
6 WCTV	Tallahassee	Saturday	5:00 P.M.	62 WXON	Detroit	Thursday	9:00 P.M.
5 WPTV	Palm Beach	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	10 WILX	Jackson	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
23 WLTV	Miami	Saturday	2:00 P.M.	5 WNEM	Saginaw	Sunday	3:00 P.M.
6 WCIX	Miami	Saturday	3:30 P.M.	41 WUHQ	Battle Creek	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
9 WFTV	Orlando	Sunday	2:30 P.M.	62 WXON	Detroit	Friday	9:00 P.M.
11 WINK	Fort Myers	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	9 WWTW	Cadillac	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
44 WTOG	Tampa	Saturday	8:00 P.M.	MINNESOTA			
10 WLCY	St. Petersburg	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	11 WTCN	Minneapolis	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
40 WXL	Sarasota	Sunday	5:00 P.M.	3 KDAL	Duluth	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
GEORGIA				11 WTCN	Minneapolis	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
3 WRBL	Columbus	Saturday	4:00 P.M.	MISSISSIPPI			
41 WCWB	Macon	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	4 WCBT	Columbus	Saturday	11:00 P.M.
17 WTCG	Atlanta	Saturday	6:00 P.M.	13 WLX	Biloxi	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
41 WCWB	Macon	Sunday	3:00 P.M.	12 WJTV	Jackson	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
6 WJBF	Augusta	Saturday	3:00 P.M.	6 WABG	Greenwood	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
HAWAII				7 WDM	Hattiesburg	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
9 KGMB	Honolulu	Saturday	3:30 P.M.	9 WTVV	Tupelo	Saturday	11:40 P.M.
3 KMAU	Wailuku	Saturday	3:30 P.M.	MISSOURI			
9 KPUA	Hilo	Saturday	3:30 P.M.	2 KQTV	St. Joseph	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
9 KGMB	Honolulu	Friday	10:30 P.M.	11 KPLR	St. Louis	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
3 KMAU	Wailuku	Friday	10:30 P.M.	11 KPLR	St. Louis	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
9 KPUA	Hilo	Friday	10:30 P.M.	3 KYTV	Springfield	Sunday	11:00 P.M.
ILLINOIS				8 KOMU	Columbia	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
44 WSNS	Chicago	Sunday	12:00 P.M.	8 KOMU	Columbia	Saturday	11:55 P.M.
44 WSNS	Chicago	Wednesday	10:30 P.M.	MONTANA			
26 WCIU	Chicago	Saturday	5:00 P.M.	3 KYUS	Miles City	Friday	9:00 P.M.
26 WCIU	Chicago	Sunday	11:00 A.M.	NEBRASKA			
13 WREX	Rockford	Sunday	11:00 A.M.	13 KHOL	Kearney	Saturday	9:30 P.M.
8 WQAD	Moline	Saturday	5:30 P.M.	7 KETV	Omaha	Monday	10:30 P.M.
10 WGEM	Quincy	Sunday	1:00 P.M.	6 WOW	Omaha	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
8 WQAD	Moline	Sunday	11:30 P.M.	NEVADA			
INDIANA				5 KHBV	Henderson	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
7 WTVW	Evansville	Saturday	3:00 P.M.	NEW HAMPSHIRE			
28 WSJV	South Bend	Saturday	2:00 P.M.	9 WMUR	Manchester	Sunday	12:00 P.M.
4 WTTV	Indianapolis	Saturday	12:45 P.M.				
8 WISH	Indianapolis	Friday	1:00 A.M.				
21 WPTA	Fort Wayne	Saturday	2:00 P.M.				

NEW JERSEY

41 WXTV Paterson Saturday 8:00 P.M.
 47 WNJU Newark Friday 11:00 P.M.

NEW MEXICO

8 KSWB Roswell Saturday 12:00 P.M.
 10 KBIM Roswell Saturday 10:30 P.M.
 7 KOAT Albuquerque Sunday 12:00 P.M.

NEW YORK

36 WENY Elmira Saturday 10:30 P.M.
 20 WVTR Utica Saturday 12:45 P.M.
 6 WRGB Schenectady Sunday 11:00 P.M.
 2 WKTV Utica Sunday 2:00 P.M.
 34 WBJA Binghamton Sunday 2:00 P.M.
 29 WUTV Buffalo Sunday 1:30 P.M.
 2 WGR Buffalo Saturday 12:30 P.M.
 8 WROC Rochester Saturday 1:00 P.M.
 CATV New York City Friday 11:30 P.M.
 CATV New York City Saturday 7:30 P.M.

NORTH CAROLINA

28 WRDU Durham Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 8 WGHP High Point Saturday 6:30 P.M.
 36 WRET Charlotte Saturday 7:30 P.M.
 5 WRAL Raleigh Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 3 WBTV Charlotte Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 3 WBTV Charlotte Wednesday 8:30 P.M.
 18 WCCB Charlotte Saturday 1:00 P.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

12 KCND Pembina Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 12 KCND Pembina Friday 5:00 P.M.
 4 KXJB Fargo Friday 10:40 P.M.
 11 KXMD Williston Friday 10:30 P.M.
 12 KXMB Bismarck Friday 10:40 P.M.
 13 KXMC Minot Friday 10:40 P.M.

OHIO

19 WXIX Cincinnati Sunday 10:00 A.M.
 19 WXIX Cincinnati Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 23 WAKR Akron Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 61 WKBF Cleveland Saturday 6:00 P.M.
 43 WUAB Cleveland Saturday 7:00 P.M.
 17 WJAN Canton Tuesday 7:00 P.M.
 17 WJAN Canton Friday 5:00 P.M.
 35 WIMA Lima Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 22 WKEF Dayton Sunday 1:00 P.M.
 24 WDHO Toledo Saturday 12:00 P.M.

OKLAHOMA

6 KOTV Tulsa Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 8 KFDO Sayre Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 4 WKY Oklahoma City Saturday 3:00 P.M.

OREGON

12 KPTV Portland Saturday 8:30 P.M.
 6 KOIN Portland Friday 11:30 P.M.

PENNSYLVANIA

29 WTAF Philadelphia Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 48 WKBS Philadelphia Saturday 11:00 A.M.
 22 WDAU Scranton Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 21 WHIP Harrisburg Saturday 4:30 P.M.
 29 WTAF Philadelphia Wednesday 11:30 P.M.
 11 WIIC Pittsburgh Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 53 WPGH Pittsburgh Sunday 3:30 P.M.
 24 WJET Erie Saturday 10:00 P.M.

RHODE ISLAND

12 WPRI Providence Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

4 WFBC Greenville Saturday 1:00 P.M.
 19 WNOK Columbia Saturday 2:00 P.M.
 5 WCSC Charleston Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 13 WBTW Florence Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 25 WOLO Columbia Saturday 11:15 P.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

11 KELO Sioux Falls Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 6 KPLO Reliance Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 3 KDLO Garden City Saturday 3:00 P.M.

TENNESSEE

8 WSIX Nashville Sunday 2:00 P.M.
 12 WDEF Chattanooga Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 19 WKPT Kingsport Saturday 2:30 P.M.
 26 WTVK Knoxville Saturday 6:30 P.M.
 13 WHBQ Memphis Saturday 2:30 P.M.
 7 WBBJ Jackson Saturday 10:20 P.M.

TEXAS

4 KROD El Paso Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 6 KAUZ Wichita Falls Friday 10:30 P.M.
 7 KOSA Midland Saturday 1:00 P.M.
 13 KLBK Lubbock Saturday 2:00 P.M.
 3 KACB San Angelo Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 10 KFDA Amarillo Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 3 KACB San Angelo Sunday 10:30 P.M.
 34 KMXN Lubbock Friday 8:30 P.M.
 42 KHFI Austin Saturday 12:00 P.M.

6 KCEN Temple Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 9 KRBC Abilene Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 11 KTVT Fort Worth Saturday 10:00 P.M.
 8 KGNS Laredo Saturday 10:15 P.M.
 3 KIII Corpus Christi Saturday 10:30 P.M.
 41 KWEX San Antonio Friday 9:00 P.M.
 39 KHTV Houston Saturday 10:00 P.M.
 12 KSAT San Antonio Saturday 10:30 P.M.

VERMONT

22 WWLP Rutland Saturday 1:00 P.M.
 3 WCAX Burlington Saturday 3:00 P.M.

VIRGINIA

6 WTVR Richmond Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 10 WAVY Norfolk Saturday 4:00 P.M.
 10 WSLs Roanoke Saturday 12:30 P.M.

WASHINGTON

6 KHQ Spokane Sunday 3:00 P.M.
 11 KTNT Tacoma Saturday 3:30 P.M.
 2 KYAK Yakima Sunday 3:00 P.M.

WEST VIRGINIA

8 WCHS Charleston Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 15 WTAP Parkersburg Saturday 11:00 P.M.
 4 WOAY Oak Hill Saturday 10:30 P.M.
 6 WHIS Bluefield Saturday 3:00 P.M.
 13 WHTN Huntington Tuesday 11:30 P.M.

WISCONSIN

18 WVTM Milwaukee Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 11 WLUK Green Bay Saturday 10:30 P.M.
 18 WVTM Milwaukee Sunday 11:00 A.M.
 34 KFIZ Fond du Lac Saturday 9:30 P.M.
 34 KFIZ Fond du Lac Sunday 6:30 P.M.

ALBERTA

3 CFRN Edmonton Saturday 1:30 P.M.
 6 CHAT Medicine Hat Monday 10:40 P.M.
 2 CFAC Calgary Monday 1:10 P.M.
 7 CJOC Lethbridge Monday 12:45 P.M.
 4 CFCN Calgary Monday 11:40 P.M.
 13 CFCN Lethbridge Monday 11:40 P.M.
 2 CKSA Lloydminster Wednesday 11:40 P.M.
 7 CJOC Lethbridge Saturday 3:00 P.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

6 CHEK Victoria Saturday 11:00 A.M.
 8 CHAN Vancouver Saturday 6:00 P.M.
 8 CHAN Vancouver Sunday 11:20 P.M.

MANITOBA

7 CJAY Winnipeg Saturday 9:00 P.M.

NOVA SCOTIA

5 CJCH Halifax Saturday 7:00 P.M.

ONTARIO

9 CKLW Windsor Saturday 4:30 P.M.
 11 CHCH Hamilton Saturday 1:00 P.M.
 11 CHCH Hamilton Saturday 9:30 P.M.
 13 CKCO Kitchener Saturday 3:30 P.M.
 8 CJOH Ottawa Saturday 6:00 P.M.
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 3 CKVR Barrie Saturday 1:00 P.M.
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PAGES FROM THE PROGRAMS

Last month we started a new feature that has received tremendous response from our readers. We are reprinting the best articles from the past month's wrestling programs from all over the country. Since we publish most of these wrestling programs we have ready access to this material and we are now

making arrangements to gain rights for others as well.

In our next issue we will include selections from Boston of the W.W.W.F. and Los Angeles of the N.W.A. as well as continuing to provide pages from the programs used in this issue.

We know that many of these features would only be seen by

fans in the wrestling arenas where the program is sold if we did not provide this feature and we feel that much of the material seen in programs around the country is so well written and so informative that fans everywhere will want to read it.

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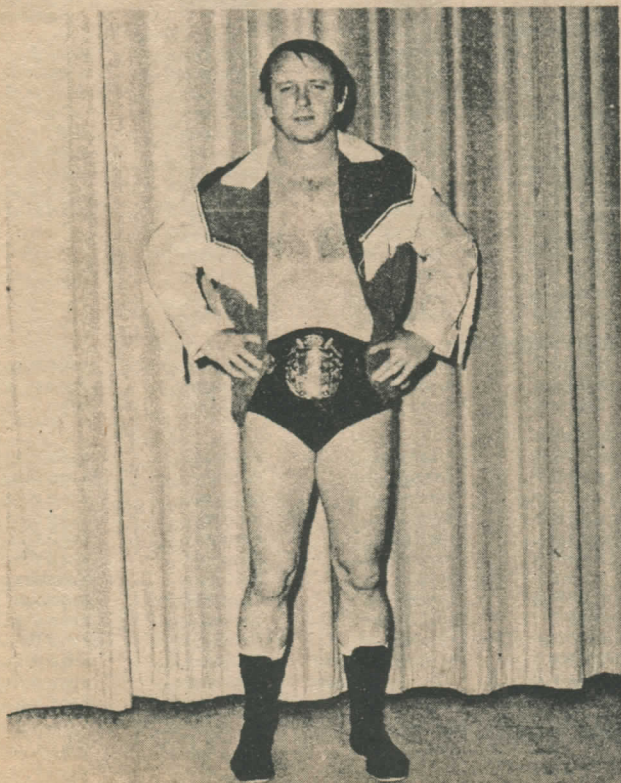
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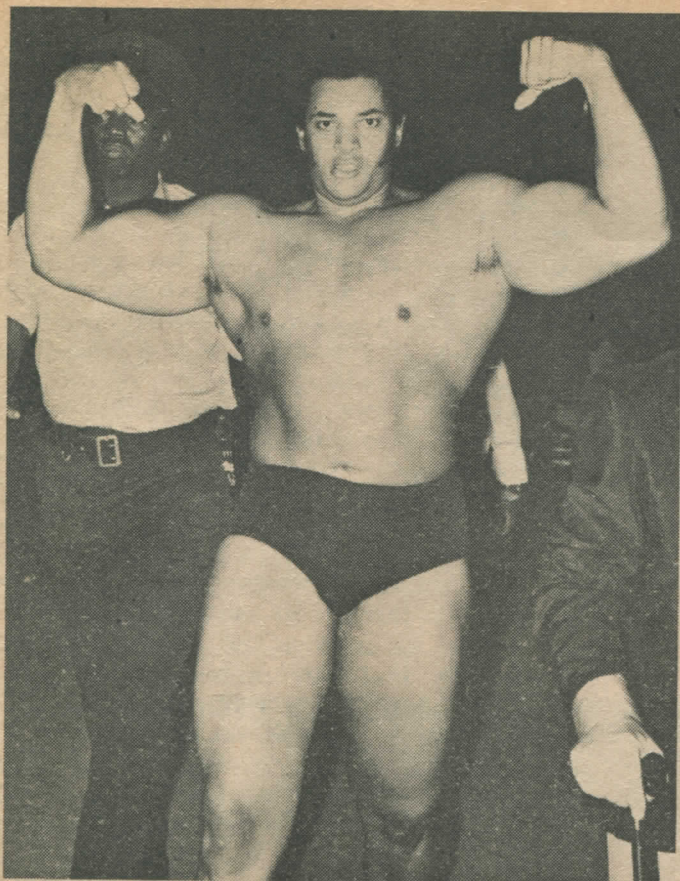
FUNK HAS TOUGHEST JOB

Dory Funk Jr. may not have known what to expect when he won the N.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship from Gene Kiniski three years ago, but he certainly has learned over these past three years that being the champion is no picnic.

Dory defends the title several times a week on the average. He spends most of his life in airplanes going from place to place, and every one of his challengers is a top man capable of defeating him.

This is a far cry from his counterpart in boxing. Joe Frazier only puts his World's Heavyweight Boxing Championship on the line once or twice a year and lately it has been against opponents who stand no chance of winning.

In wrestling, the heavyweight title means something because the champion must meet all top challengers all of the time to hold on to his claim. That is why Dory Funk Jr. has to be recognized as one of the greatest athletes in the world today.



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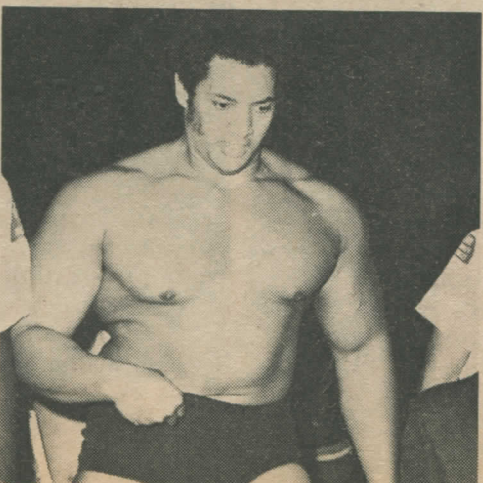
FAVORITE

By GARY A. MANCUSO



A change has come about in the Magnificent Zulu, that everyone has hoped would come true. Zulu, who had been a villain since he arrived in Detroit, turned against his manager, Eddie Creachmann on the July 1st Cobo show, while wrestling the Mighty Igor. Their entire match was a "muscle man" match, in which one tried to be stronger than the other. On several occasions, the two bounced off the ropes into each other, and nothing happened. Igor held his hand out to shake with Zulu, but Zulu was hesitant in returning the hand shake. Creachmann yelled from his corner, "No Zulu no, don't do it", but Zulu ignored his cries, and shook the hand of Igor. Creachmann was infuriated.

The bout progressed in much the same way as it did from the opening bell. Igor again held his



hand out, and this time Zulu wasted no time in shaking with him. It was apparent to the 10,000 Cobo fans, that Zulu was ignoring his manager. Finally, Igor got Zulu in a bear-hug, and it appeared as though Zulu had had it. Then, Creachmann ran into the ring, and hit Igor over the head with his cane, causing Igor to fall to the mat. Zulu, still in pain saw what had happened, and grabbed Creachmann in the same hold. As the thousands of fans went wild, Creachmann's other man, Killer Tim Brooks, ran into the ring and saved him from Zulu. Brooks and Creachmann then made a fast exit to the dressing room.

Zulu then helped Igor to his feet, and raised his hand in victory. Igor then gave Zulu a freindly "kiss", and to the delight of the fans, Igor and Zulu left the arena as friends.

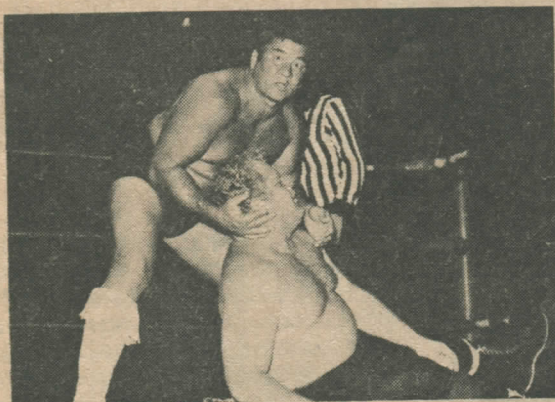
WHY DID DON MURACO LEAVE PARADISE?



Hawaii is the 50th state and often called a paradise. Why would someone leave such a beautiful place and come to the mainland of North America to get thrown around a wrestling ring by all sorts of brutes, especially someone who is a surfing champion in Hawaii and surfing as you all know is the national pastime in Hawaii?

The only man who can answer that question is Don Muraco. He has done just that. The reason is probably that nowhere else but in professional wrestling can a man earn as much money. True, no other athletes work harder or longer, have a tougher traveling schedule, or fewer off days. But, no other athletes can make more money nor can they enjoy the satisfaction of winning honors individually that only professional wrestling really provides. Don Muraco already won one of those honors when he was named rookie of the year recently and we look for many more to come along in the years ahead for this great star from the land of Hawaii.

— WAHOO McDANIEL HATES DUSTY RHODES! —

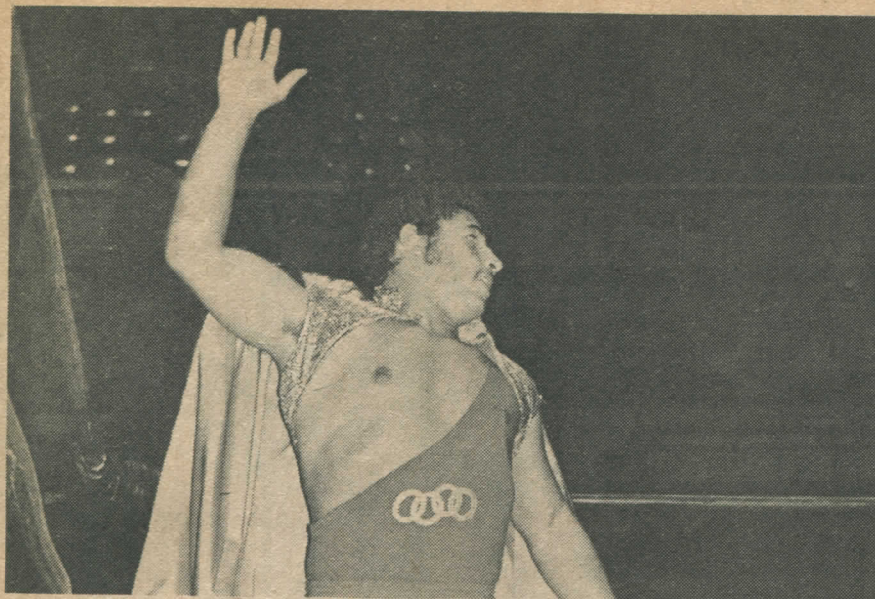


Wahoo McDaniel may be hard pressed to tell you who his favorite tag team partner is. Certainly recent successes by him with Billy Robinson might make him choose the English star. However, he also did very well with Billy Red Cloud and also with Cowboy Bill Watts in the past and he likes them as well as several others for partners.

However, there is no question as to who Wahoo prefers as an opponent. Right now there is no other wrestler besides Dirty Dusty Rhodes who Wahoo hates more.

Wahoo McDaniel and Dusty Rhodes just plain hate each other and we have a feeling that there are amny more chapters in their feud ahead for wrestling fans.

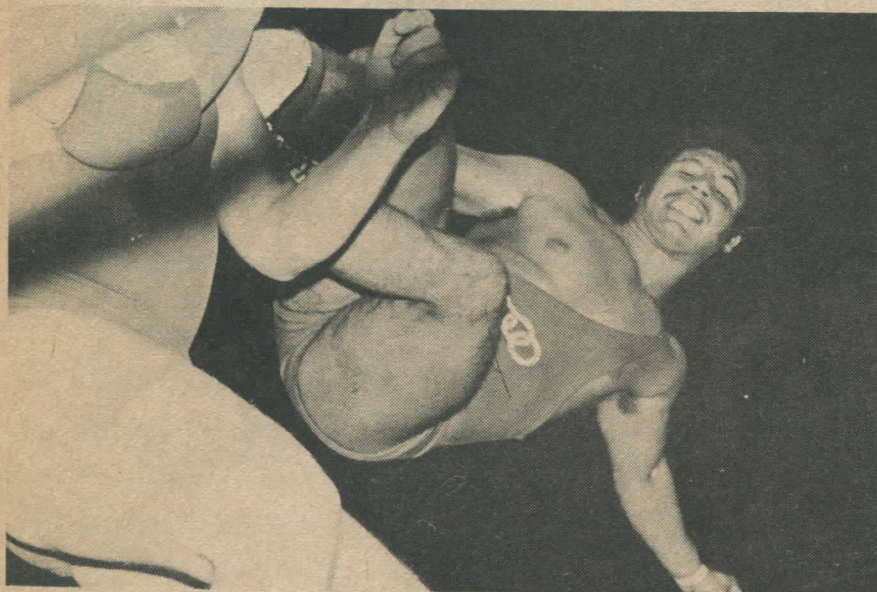




JOSE MARTINEZ

**"He's Going
All the Way
to the Top"**

By PETER T. SLATER



I had the opportunity to talk to one of our STRANGLEHOLD ringside photographers the other day about the difficulty in taking good ringside pictures. When I asked him who was the toughest man to get shots of, he gave me the surprising reply of, "Jose Martinez!" When I asked him why, he answered, "Because he's so darn fast!"

That statement just about sums up the ring style of Jose Martinez. He's fast — he moves like greased lightning. He commands a great knowledge of how to use his speed to his best advantage. He pulls some highly surprising moves in the ring with his quickness, as many wrestlers have found out. There can be no doubt, Martinez is going to the top.

Jose made his first Olympia showing just about a month ago, and impressed the fans with a win over Gilbert Guerrero. On May 20, Martinez was matched against the cagey Tom DeMarco. Despite some anxious moments in the bout, Martinez upended DeMarco to win. The victory added another notch to Jose's ladder of success.

One thing that makes Martinez a great new favorite is his determination. He's not afraid to get into the ring with anybody. Jose is out to prove to one and all that he won't back down from a challenge. Jose is proving to be quite a sensation in the ring, and the reaction from the fans proves that he is well appreciated.

Olympia's Promoter, Lincoln Cavalieri and Matchmaker Louis Marudas are to be congratulated for bringing in such upcoming talent. Men like Martinez are hard to find, but smart wrestling fans know they can count on the Olympia to bring them the best.

RENE GOULET

RETURNS

When Rene Goulet first came to North America from France he was a clean cut scientific grappler. However, Goulet has been here for ten years now and he has somewhat mellowed.

In those early years Rene was quite successful, but sometimes he was pushed around by the rougher style wrestlers. Rene has changed a bit. He has become rougher himself.

In the last couple of years Rene has wrestled all over the country. His stops have included Oklahoma, Florida, New York, Quebec, and most recently Japan.

Last year Rene was one of the top stars appearing in Madison Square Garden. Now he has set a new goal for himself. Rene wants to become the top star in all the world. He wants to defeat Verne Gagne and win the A.W.A. World's Heavyweight Championship.



DON DUFFY /WINNER

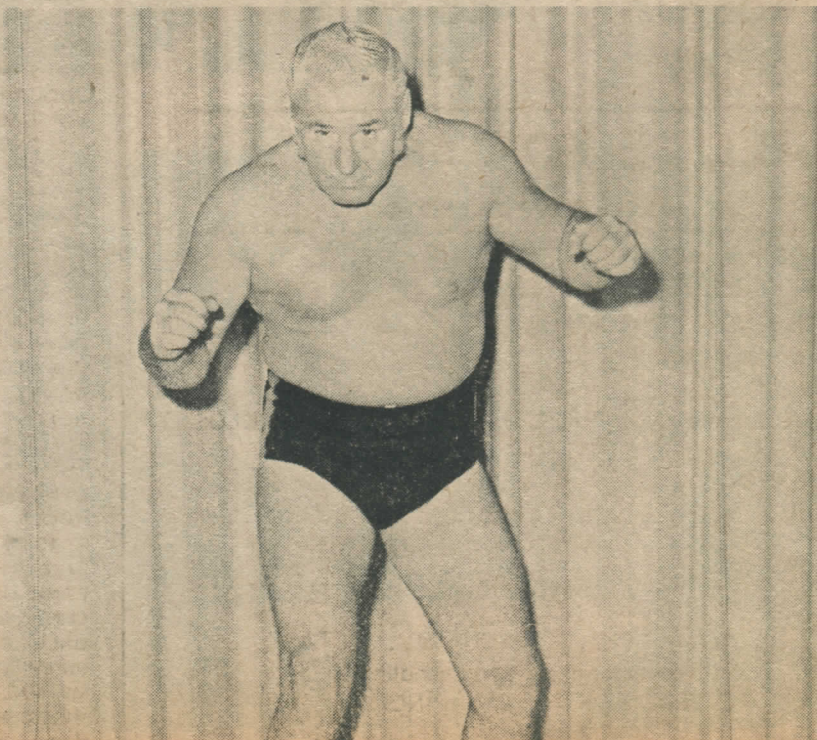
Tiger Don Duffy is proud of his Irish heritage. He is also proud of his great record in professional wrestling. Don has been grappling for a long time and each year has been better than the year before.

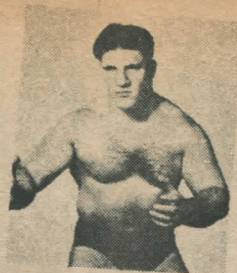
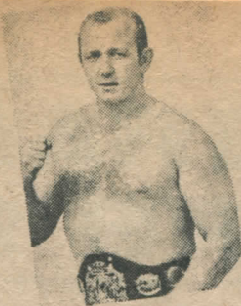
Last year he won the Louisiana State Championship, and this year Don feels that a North American or World's title will be his before the year passes.

Tiger Don is a man who sets goals and gains them. He worked his way slowly to the top and now that he is almost there he doesn't intend to let anything stop him.

He believes in the saying that "The end justifies the means," and Don Duffy will use any means to reach the titles that are his goal.

A veteran master of deceit and trickery. Tiger Don Duffy is one grappler who everyone will have to watch carefully if they want to prevent him from winning one of wrestling's major titles.





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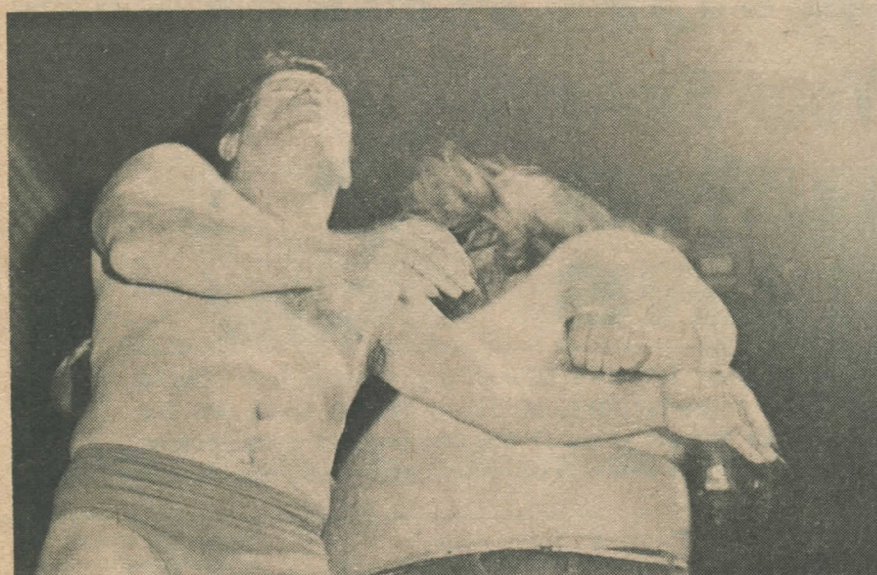
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THE BRITISH MAT NEWS

By EVAN R. TREHARNE



(Left) Count Bartelli former Commonwealth heavyweight champion (225 lb.) seems in some difficulties against 450 lbs. Klondyke Bill



Evan Treharne 5'10" and 185 lb is dwarfed by 6'5", 280 lb. Angus Campbell who is now wrestling in the U.S.A.

In my last report, I mentioned how a new disc has been cut by leading British wrestlers, singing the old time favorite, 'Tiptoe Through the Tulips.' The title is, The Gladiators, and the label, Pye 7N45155. Over the radio I have heard them several times, and they are quite good and I wish them every success.

Writing these pages becomes all the more enjoyable as more and more readers from the U.S.A. write in, requesting more details of British wrestlers.

British heavy-middle champion Bert Royal, 178 lb., faced up to Peter Preston, 183 lb., in a lively bout which the crowd appreciated to the full. Preston is the only man to have beaten durable and top matman, Mick McManus, on television, and Peter certainly gave Bert Royal many worrying times.

Again and again each would foil the other's attempts at a pinfall, but Royal got sore over Preston wriggling to the ropes whenever he was threatened by any such fall. Royal slowed his man down with the use of a shoulder wrench. Despite this, Preston used a drop-kick and pinfall within 10 seconds of the third round to take the lead. Preston earned himself two public warnings before Royal gained the equaliser in the fifth session.

In the 6th round, Preston punched with his fist to the body. Referee Gordon Smith disqualified him, and rightly so. Both the referee and M.C. Ernie

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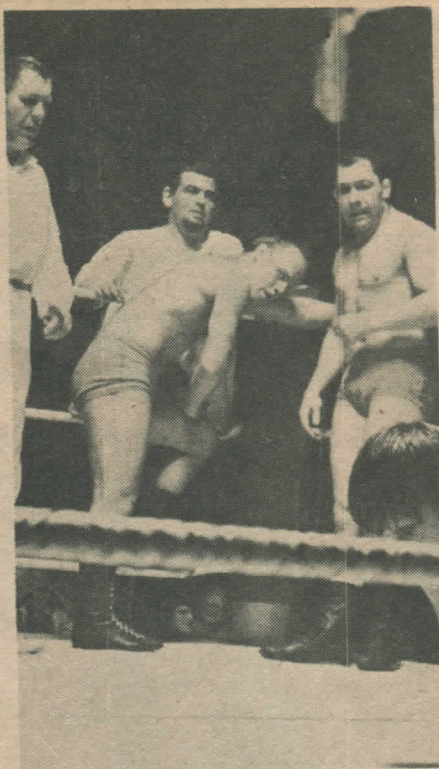
Lofthouse had to restrain Bert Royal from carrying on with the battle.

'The Untouchable' tag-team, Bobby Graham and Leon Arras, took on 'The Black Diamonds', made up of Abe Ginsberg and Eric Cutler. With two such hard fighting tag-teams pitted against each other, a tough battle was expected by wrestling fans, and they were not disappointed.

Often the referee couldn't be found, even when in the centre of the ring, when the four wrestlers would all be battling hammer and tongs with the poor referee somewhere underneath a mass of tangled arms and legs. Each side gained a fall to force a draw after the full 20 minutes of warfare.

Pete Lindberg, the wrestling strongman, has returned to the ring following a layoff owing to an injured back he received in a bout several months ago. He tells me that he will ease off some of the strongman stuff and concentrate more on wrestling, which is his first and true love. He is soon to rejoin Eddie Rose in tag-team matches.

Nice, pleasant, Abe Ginsberg made a fine start to his mid-heavy bout against the Scot, Andy Robin, as he hit his opponent before the first bell when the referee was giving them their instructions. After five hectic rounds during which time



The Magnificent Magars tag-team, made up of Zoltan Boscik and Peter Szakas view the grounded Syd Cooper from their corner, during their match against Adrian Street and Syd Cooper.

Abe Ginsberg got himself well and truly hated for his tactics, he was rules out for staying too long outside the ring, and refused to get back inside to wrestle on. He had only himself to blame.

Bill Ross found Zoltan Boscik, the former British lightweight champion, a very hard man to deal with. However, during round three, Boscik was ruled out for punching to the body, but not before the crowd had become enraged with his unruly tactics, during the short time the men were in action.

The same Bill Ross met the more-arrogant-than-ever Adrian Street. The bout ended in a draw, but the immaculate Street found his new gold trunks in shreds by the end of the bout, and if the bout had lasted much longer, perhaps he might have been in shreds.

'Big' Bruno Elrington and Mal Kirk scaled more than 280 lbs. each for their heavyweight bout. Referee Bernard Murray, 154 lb., was knocked flat when Mal Kirk gave him a friendly pat on the back. That is, if ever Kirk is friendly; he always seems to be as mad and rough as a couple of elephants. On another occasion, 'Big Bruno' had to assist the ref

to his feet after a hectic set-to by these mammoth heavyweights. Bruno won the bout with a crotch-lift and body slam.

British heavyweight champion Albert Wall defeated a great fighter in Tibor Szakacs by two falls to one. A clean and fast bout. A week later, Wall received a cut eyebrow from Pete Roberts. This made Wall good and mad, but Roberts fought well until during the 7th round, he was thrown over the top ropes, and on regaining the ring, forced by a hammerlock to submit and lose the bout.

Gwyn Davies, Welsh heavyweight champion, took on Albert Wall, both men scaling around the 240 lb. mark. Gwyn Davies stands 6'5" and is a handsome man too. In the early rounds, Davies used forearm smashes to deck the British champion several times until Wall bounced off the ropes with an elbow slam to floor Davies.

Following up on his advantage, Wall used leg and arm locks of all varieties with such force and vigor, a less powerful man than Davies would have been obliged to submit. In the fourth session, Davies got ahead by the use of his famous standing two arm suspension hold, and Wall could do no other than submit quickly.

The following round, Wall scored with a flying head-butt to the body of Davies, and followed smartly with a single leg boston to gain the equalising submission. Wall won the bout as Davies failed to resume the hostilities owing to a knee injury which he had damaged earlier in the contest.

'Bulldog' Bill Garnon, would like to point out that it was with Gwyn Davies's dad, Ken Davies, that Bill used to promote with some years ago, not the present 'Killer' Ken Davies the reigning Independent Welsh welterweight champion. Furthermore, Bill adds that American fans are well provided for with two large wrestling magazines in WRESTLING MONTHLY and WRESTLING REVUE. Over this side of the Atlantic our own modest RINGSPOUT magazine is very small, but it manages to cram a great deal of sound information and many photographs onto its glossy paper each month, mainly on British wrestlers.

Cheerio! until next month.



Mr. T.V. Jackie Pallo a top British welterweight. He is proud of the fact wrestling fans love to hate him.

HALL OF FAME



RED BERRY
PITTSBURGH, KANSAS
1907 to PRESENT

They called him "Wild Red" in his wrestling heyday. He no longer has the brightly colored hair from which he gained his nickname, but Red Berry continues to be a living legend in the sport of professional wrestling. The former World's Lightheavyweight Champion was often acclaimed in his later years as the greatest wrestling manager of all time. There just isn't space here to write the whole Red Berry story, but we are going to do it in a subsequent issue. We've already made arrangements with another former World Champion and member of the Wrestling Hall Of Fame to do just that, write the whole "Red Berry Story" by LeRoy McGuirk in a future issue of Wrestling Monthly.

NEW ZEALAND
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but declared that they were to have a special discussion to review the situation on ladies' wrestling contests. A few days later, women's wrestling was liberated in New Zealand. The word from Police Headquarters was that the match could go ahead.

The first official contest in New Zealand was between Monica Schumaker and the petite beauty from Wellington, Linda Tyson, also the daughter of a famous wrestler.

A packed YMCA witnessed the first ladies' contest, and a newspaper report read:

"What was billed as a first pro wrestling bout in New Zealand between two women ended in the YMCA stadium last night with the police having to restore order in the ring. Monica Schumaker of Holland and Linda Tyson of Wellington had grappled, squealed, grunted and groaned their way through the fight before the Dutch girl was awarded a fall and the referee's decision.

"From the time the shapely contestants appeared in the ring, until they disappeared to their dressing rooms, the crowd of several thousand had roared approval.

"If the action was not so fast

and furious as it had been in the previous bouts between the men, the applause, taking of sides, and general delight of the crowd more than compensated.

"Monica Schumaker's father acted as her second while Linda was seconded by promising heavyweight Barry Drage. When Monica was awarded the match father William lept into the ring, only to be met by the fury of Linda Tyson's second.

"Linda was none to pleased with the decision either—she leapt at her opponent and within seconds the ring was a mass of brawling bodies until police restored order."

In no time at all ladies matches were being staged all over New Zealand. The crowd pleasing qualities of women wrestlers has been seized with relish by promoters quick to exploit this new phenomenon in New Zealand sport.

Next to appear here were two experienced Australian-based girls, Sherri Sinatra, of Italian parentage, and Moana West from Europe. There girls added spice and zest to the local scene with Sherri as the beauty and Moana as the beast. Both these girls are wrestling for Jim Barnett and are hoping to meet the American girls when they come to Australia. Already they have visited Singapore and Hong Kong where they are firm favorites.

For sheer wrestling ability our newest girls, Bobbi Miles and "Little Mo" Wells are outstanding. Although small in size as compared to the American girls, these ring Amazons display a great array of holds and counters and indeed do more real wrestling than many of their male counterparts. With a little more experience around the country these two will shortly be off to try their luck overseas.

Our first Maori lady wrestler is Kimba Taku, a twenty-year-old ex-nurse who now dishes out medicine of a different sort—in the wrestling ring.

Welsh girl Debbie Wayland is another promising prospect who looks to be in line for future honors.

Many new girls are interested in the sport. Right now at least 20 girls are training in the gyms, waiting for their first pro bouts. So it really looks as though the ladies are here to stay.

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BULLDOG BILL GARNON

By EVAN R. TREHARNE

Former British Heavyweight Champion Recalled

Wrestling fans will long remember the name Bulldog Bill Garnon, on both sides of the Atlantic, as Bill wrestled for several years in America, as The Masked Marvel some 40 years ago.

Bulldog scaled about 14 st. (196 lb.) when he first went over to the U.S.A., where within 30 hours of his arrival he met and defeated the renowned Chinese wrestler, Wun-Buk-Chung. Bill had more than 300 contests in America, and won most of them. Although Bill met the great Strangler Lewis, he never met him in combat. But in 1936, Bulldog defeated Dave Levin, who later was an American claimant to the World Title. Bill says one of the greatest men he ever wrestled was the Polish wrestler, Stanislaus Zbyszko, who was considered as one of the three greatest ever in the sport, along with Georges Hackenschmidt and Frank Gotch. True, Stan was near the end of his career, whereas Bill was just starting. They fought a hard bout for some thirty minutes, and Zbyszko was very impressed by the showing of the young Welshman.

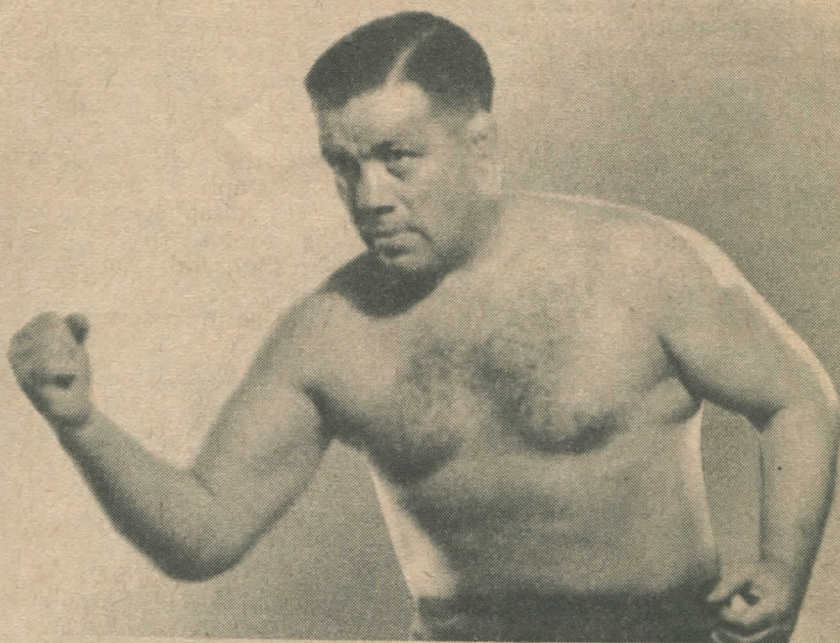
When Bulldog was a young lad, he commenced work at Fishguard Harbour on the railroad, when, even at his tender age he could carry more weight than two other full grown men. Bill was only 21 when he invaded the U.S.A. and up in the lumber camps he was expected to take on all comers, whatever their weight. But Bill found a chink in the powerful muscled lumberjacks. Although their arms and shoulders were of tremendous size and strength, they didn't quite have the same power in their necks. This fact Bill used to his advantage, and defeated them all in turn.

At one time in the U.S.A. a charity wrestling tournament was being held, with a team of American wrestlers to meet a European team. After the event, a writer approached Bill for a story, and asked, "How long have you been in America?" Bill replied "Oh! about a month." "Gee! you can speak better

American than most of these guys who have been over here 10 years," exclaimed the journalist. "Well" said Bill, "I could speak a little of the language before I came over." Knowing Bill, I doubt if he ever added to that statement. The poor writer couldn't have realised that Bill was from Wales, part of the British Isles, and not from the Continent.

Bulldog took the Welsh heavyweight title in his stride, and also the British title. Towards the end of his career he scaled in the region of 18 st. (256 lb.) and boasted a 52" chest at the height of only 5'8". However, when in America, scaling 196 lb. early in his wrestling days, Bill gave 70 lb. in weight to George Godfrey who stood 6'6". Godfrey had been a heavyweight boxing contender for the world title, but the colour bar was too strong for him to make much headway in that direction. In the first bout against Godfrey Bill forced a draw, but in a return match Bill won on points after an hour's hard wrestling.

Several people have told me of how Bill once got mad at a



Bulldog Bill Garnon

referee in the ring, and grabbing the offending referee by both ankles threw him clean over the top ropes onto the laps of ringside wrestling fans.

Just before wrestling became popular on television, Bill was standing in a bus queue, when a car crashed into them, and dragged Bill along the road for some distance. Bill's injuries were serious, and brought his ring career to an end. A less fit and tough man would have never survived.

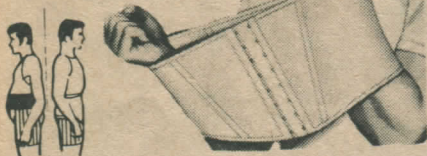
Today, Bill is in poor health but good humor, and can chat for hours on end of his amazing ring career, and at all times, his experiences are of tremendous interest. I have known Bill something like 30 years, but I'm never tired of spending hours chatting with him, when visiting his hometown of Fishguard.

Once, I stepped out onto the town square to shake hands with Bill. With a wicked grin on his face he said, "I've got the town out to greet you." The place was crammed with people waving flags. What Bill didn't say was that Royalty, in the person of The Prince of Wales was due to pass through at any moment.

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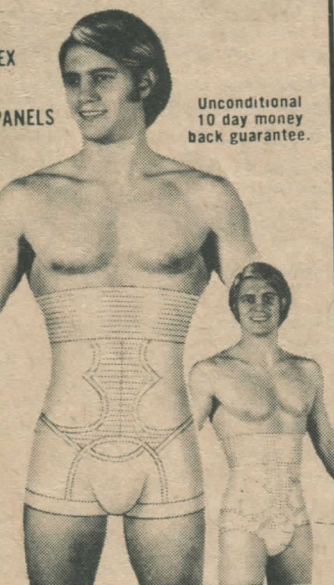
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girls favorites on any wrestling program.

Moolah is an all-out performer who howls constantly at her opponent and the referee. She is a master of many holds and confuses her adversary with a continuous assault that can drive a person to despair. There is never a dull moment in her repertoire and that is why she has been a champion for many years.

In a pre-bout chat with Moolah while taking pictures I asked her what she thought about the girls receiving the green light to wrestle on New York State mats. "There were many restrictions about the girls obtaining licenses. When some of those restrictions were exposed as being without foundation or fact, The New York State Athletic Commission took a different view of the situation and ruled in favor of the girls," said Moolah.

"The way I look at it, the girls have every right to earn their livelihoods in the only way they know how. They are talented athletes and are trained to accept the rigors of their avowed vocation. I am sure that when New York State fans see the girls in action that they will be accepted with open arms and they are entitled to that privilege the same as the men," concluded Moolah.

While the girls will welcome the opportunity to add to their exchequers, there is no doubt but that they will be gratefully accepted by New York State fans with more than the usual enthusiasm. In action, the girls are fast and portray considerable agility in their routines during their matches. Truly, they can now be accepted as the spice on any wrestling program. Girls, you have fought a good fight for your rights and here's hoping that now you can reap the benefits of your mat endeavors. You have earned everything you have gained, and you can now clear the decks for a rosy future. This column wishes you every success.

Woody Strode, dusly California gladiator, who wrestles occasionally, has been appearing with considerable success in the movies during the past couple of years. He has developed into a first class character actor and in some roles he can actually scare the bejanners out of you.

Woody's notable achievements on

the mat brought him to the attention of movie magnates and they beat a pathway to his door to sign him to appear in motion pictures. Cecil B. DeMill who is an outstanding director of movie spectacles, cast Woody as the King of Ethiopia in "The Ten Commandments." DeMill was so thrilled with Woody's poise and serenity that he told him, "Anytime I make a picture you can have a role in it."

Besides his memorable achievement in "The Ten Commandments," Woody has been a Comanche war chief, a witch doctor, and Army sargent and a Roman warrior. In the spectacle "Spartacus" in which he had a bloody duel against Kirk Douglas he came into his own as a thrilling movie personality.

In his appearances as a top kick in "Sargent Rutledge" he received enthusiastic press notices. His portrayal of a witch doctor in "The Sins of Rachel Cade" he played the part with such authenticity that he was hailed as the new Boris Karloff. As a Conanche war chief in the picture "Two Roads Together" he gave a startling performance.

In the picture "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" Woody appeared with such stars as John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, Edwin O'Brien, Vera Miles, Andy Devine, Lee Marvin and John Carradine and you have to admit that is traveling in fast company. In another picture, "Break-out", a prison story, Woody gained considerable prestige as an actor and it is highly probable that his future prospects may see him appearing in starring roles.

As a wrestler and an actor Woody has run the gamut of emotions and it has given him confidence to face the future. The fees he receives from both vocations will certainly give him the security he has sought for himself and family. We wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Among other wrestlers who have appeared in the movies are Lord Athol Layton, Sammy Berg, the late Gorgeous George and Mike Mazurki, and it proves that wrestlers are talented in other fields besides their own. Now to general topics as space will allow.

Popular Carlos Rocha, champion of Portugal, has been coming up with sensational matches for Toronto promoter Frank Tunney. As a former boxer, Rocha can take care of

opponents who choose unorthodox tactics. Rocha has had a couple of matches with The Sheik and he agrees that the Lebanese is a tough opponent who is constantly aided by his manager Abdullah Faruk. For that reason he would like a match with The Sheik with Faruk barred from ringside.

Popular Chief White Owl was fortunate when involved in a car collision some time ago. His new car was struck by another motorist and damaged to the extent of \$1,100. Injuries he sustained kept him out of action six weeks and at this writing he has returned to the mat.

Recent newcomers who are making their presence known include Big Brutus from Trinidad, Magnificent Zulu from South Africa, Eddie Morrow from Martinique and Farmer Boy Fraser, a Mississippi plow boy, who is 7'-2" tall and weighs 412 pounds. Then there is Jerry Novac from Hungary, Emir Ekbar from Arabia and a host of others who will give wrestling an international flavor and will make the new season one of great expectations.

Now comes the suggestion that pro wrestlers should have a pension fund on which they could rely for their livelihoods when their active days on the mat come to an end. Baseball and football have a pension system and we see no reason why a similar plan could not be established for pro wrestlers. Such a plan could be formulated by the powers behind the various wrestling factions but whether it can gain their approval remains to be seen. You can expect to hear more about this project later on, as to ways and means in which it could be launched.

It would be a Godsend to the gallant warriors of the mat when they see the "handwriting on the wall" which would mean the end of their mat careers. Let us hope that such a plan can be devised in the not too distant future as it would provide security for them and their families which they so richly deserve.

Promoter Francis Fleser has imported Chief Jay Strongbow into Detroit and he is enthusiastic about the great Indian wrestler. "There's no doubt in my mind that I have succeeded in bringing into this area the greatest Indian wrestler in the country. I've seen them all, but believe me, Strongbow is the best. He is a tremendous competitor and is in such great physical condition that he

reminds you of a thoroughbred race horse. I fully agree that Strongbow will become one of the all time greats," says Promoter Fleser.

Lord Athol Layton, Carlos Rocha, Joe (Killer) Christie and Danny Hodge were boxers before they made the transition to wrestling. Gene Dubois is a trainer of bears. Dr. Timmy Geohagan is one of the most learned of wrestlers. Besides being a wrestler he is a psychologist and a hypnotist and has displayed the latter trait many times in public demonstrations. Yes, I could go on indefinitely and tell you about the talents of other wrestlers but space limitations will not allow me to do so.

Sad to state there is nothing new about the proposed organization I would like to see launched. It is the Wrestlers Beneficial Association which would provide badly needed funds to wrestlers when they are laid up through injuries or illness. There is much to be done to make such an organization a reality but I will keep tabs on any possible progress if any. I proposed such an organization more than a year ago but it would have to have the co-operation of promoters and wrestlers as well as charitable projects to make it a most worthy undertaking. If the proper ground work can be laid without too much delay it could be the finest corner stone in all of pro wrestling.

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As I have mentioned in previous columns, one of the real top notch free lance photographers is John Tocco. You can get a copy of the list of photos he has for sale by writing to him at 3739 E. Edgar, St. Louis, Mo.

Rosie Macumber's Ed Carpentier club continues to improve and gain new members weekly. When you join the club I am sure you will enjoy all

the pictures you'll receive of Ed plus a membership card and the bi-monthly bulletin, "Carpentier's Corner." You can get in touch with the flying Frenchman's club by writing to Rosie at 221 Jasper Drive, Security, Colorado 80911.

Another top wrestling photographer is Mike Abrams of 756 E. 84th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236.

You can get a copy of Mike's list of color shots which come in 3½ X 3½ as well as 3½ X 5 size prints. Thanks, Mike, for the pics of Sonny King and Tarzan Tyler.

I just received the current issue of "The One and Only Jarrett News." Linda Lee Scott and Glenda Noe have done an excellent job on keeping fans informed on the activities of their honorary Jerry Jarrett. Interested parties can write to the club at Star Route Riverview Drive, Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165.

I heard from Dorothy Bauer, who puts out Wrestling Results for the first time recently. To get a copy of the first issue send Dorothy 40 cents or get a years subscription for \$4.00. Dorothy's address is 6735 Drake Street, Detroit, Michigan 48212.

I also just received the first edition of "Wrestling Gazette" which used to be known as "Lone Star Wrestling." "Wrestling Gazette" is being published in cooperation with the Dallas wrestling promotion and will now have a circulation of 10,000. The price of this professionally printed wrestling newspaper remains 50 cents per copy or \$5.00 for a one year subscription. Their new address of 642 W. 16th St., Plano, Texas 75074.

Another fine wrestling publication that has changed its format to a professional printing job is Arena. The



Cherri Percy, the famous Doctor "X", and Kris Anthony. The girls are two of his biggest fans.

new Arena Magazine features a color cover, a two-page foldout, and about 30 pictures. You can try a sample copy for 50 cents or a subscription.

To keep up on the latest California mat action and roller derby send David Weltz 25 cents for a copy of California Wrestling Report.

Harry Ossowski of 6711 Crowley St., Detroit, Michigan 48210, has started a club for Black Jack Lanza and Jack Mulligan. For \$3.00 a member receives pictures, membership card, bulletins, and a real original idea club patch.

George Schire's recently formed for popular Mexican star Ramon



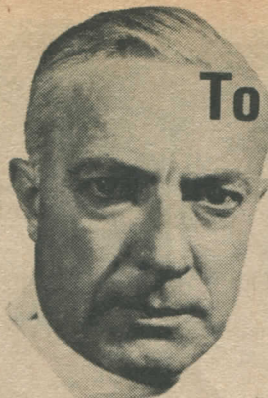
Don Wison, executive director of the Wrestling Fans International Association, the governing body of the wrestling fan club world.

Torres is giving the long established clubs a real run for the money. George's second bulletin contains many pictures and results. Do yourself a favor and drop George a line at P.O. Box 146, St. Paul Park, Minn. 55071.

Pepper Martin, popular California matman has a fan club in his honor headed by John Ordunez. John is also selling wrestling grab-bags for \$2.00. You can write to John at 219 Oak Street, Soledad, Calif. 93960.

Hot off the presses is the 56th issue of Mat News. Mat News is now being printed on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper in cooperation with the Olympic Auditorium. You can try a sample copy for 25 cents or a 4 issue subscription for \$1.00 by writing to Mike Tenay, 8952 Mills Avenue, Whittier, Calif. 90605.

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Wes Mulholland of 2427 G Street, Socto, Calif., has started a ratings club. To get a sample copy of his ratings send a sase and 10 cents.

Anthony Leckey of 36 Stewart St., New London, Conn. 06320, is very interested in purchasing programs from different areas and pictures of Pedro Morales defending his title.

Hal Scher of 80 Roberta Drive, Toronto, 19, Ontario, Canada, is selling his wrestling collection grab-bag style. The grab-bags sell for \$2.00 and contain three magazines, a color photo, and a fan club bulletin.

Howard Hendricks 11, is interested in corresponding with servicemen who are interested in wrestling. Howard's adress is 1165 Clinton St., Gary, Indiana 46406.

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Kim Brophy, John Tolos, and John Brophy were photographed by the children's father,

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sale, many programs, posters, and magazines are offered. You can write to the W.F.I.A. for more details at P.O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135.

I just received the second issue of The Atomic Drop, the official publication of the Red Bastien Fan Club. All you fans of the flying redhead can write to the club at 911 Bell Ave., Sheboygan, Wis. 53081.

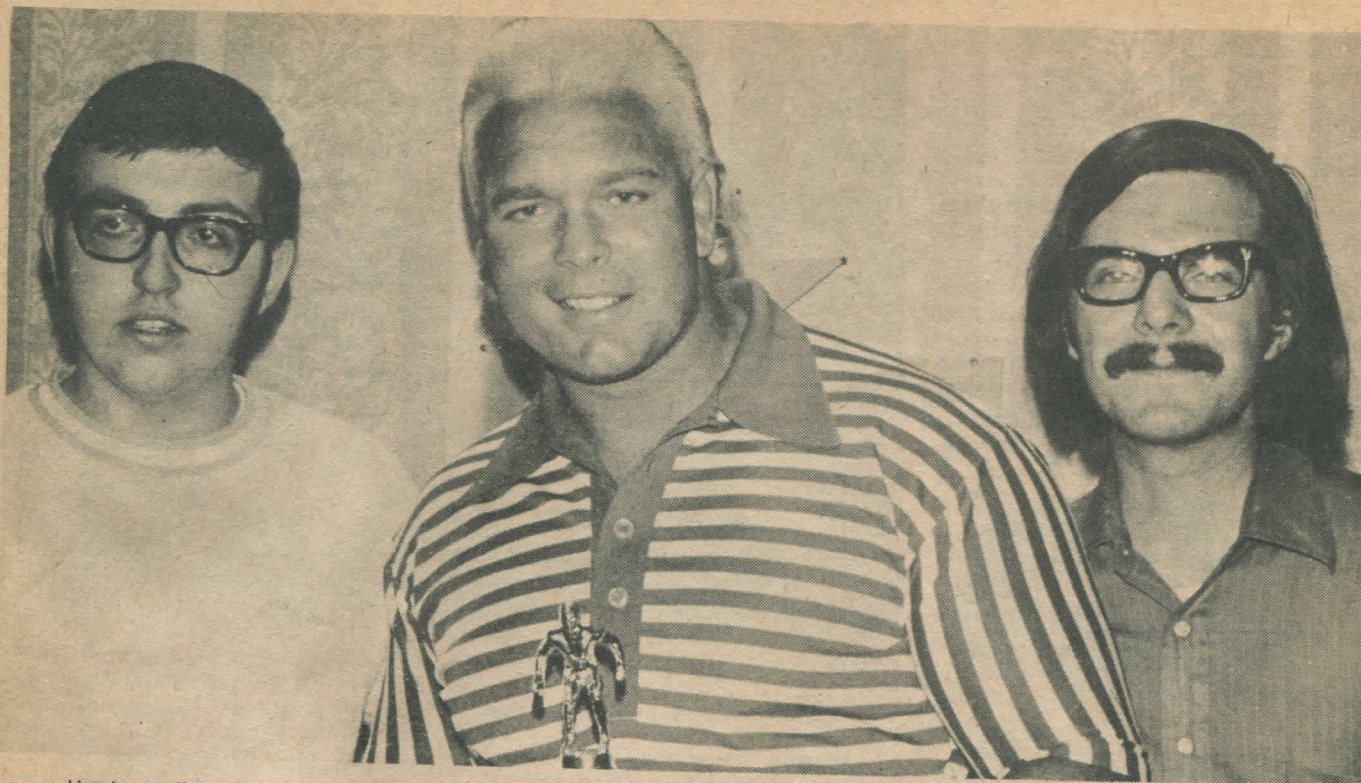
My good friend Dean Silverstone recently dropped me a line offering the readers of the column ten issue subscriptions to his Seattle programs for only \$2.00, which includes weekly first class mailing. He also has a few of his excellent 48-page Northwest photo albums for sale at \$1.35. You can also write to the International Bobby Shane Fan Club through Dean. For 50 cents worth of American stamps you receive a special Bobby Shane magazine, programs, and a yearly bulletin. It isn't necessary, but if you like you may also send a dollar donation for the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. If you are interested in any of the preceeding write to Box 1631, Bellevue, Washington 98009.

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I just received the current issue of the Ringside Review which is published by Gary Garrett and Jim Cross for their International Kansas City Fan Club. The club address is 6420 Woodson Drive, Mission, Kansas 66202.

Stuart Saks just sent me the current issue of the award-winning Michigan Scene. To keep up on the action in Detroit and surrounding areas write to 8294 Olympia, Detroit, Michigan 48213.

My good friend Ron Dobratz has just put out Wrestling Information Bulletin Photo Album No. 1. It is 16 pages long, professionally printed and well worth \$1.00. You can also get the current issue of W.I.B. for 50 cents. Write to Ron at P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Ill. 61110.

A real active club is the one headed by Bruce Evans for Popular girl grappler Marie Vagnone. For only a dollar you can receive an 8 X 10 and wallet-size picture of Marie plus the current issue of "Marie Of The World." You can contact the club by writing to Bruce at P.O. Box 783, Reseda, Calif. 91355.

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Charlie Chamberlain of 3827 Marlton Pile, Penn., N.J. 08105, is hoping to find people he can correspond with via 60-minute cassettes.

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group to the highest bidder. All the photos are of W.W.W.F. stars.

I would like to mention a newly-formed club for Doctor X. This club was formed by Timm D. Carlson, 2720 W. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221. Members will receive an 8 X 10 color photo of Doctor X, a wallet-size photo, a membership card, and bi-monthly bulletins.

I received the current issue of In and Out Of The Ring, which sells for 20 cents plus a stamp. Any one wishing to obtain a copy can write to Wally Jaczkowski, 3628 E. Kirby, Detroit, Michigan 48211. All new subscribers saying that they read about the club in Fan Club World will receive a Fred Curry bookmark.

Received the latest issue of A.W.A. Fan Club from Kathy Szalewski, 1003 South 16th Street, Apt. 11, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204. Dues are \$4.00 a year for which you will receive a membership card, a 5 X 7 color photo of your favorite A.W.A. wrestler, and monthly bulletins. Kathy worked hard for her fine club.

I recently received the quarterly bulletin for Jack and Jerry Brisco, Figure 4 Fan Club. Wayne Lebo is the president of the fan club and if you wish you can write to him at 1825 Daytonia Road, Miami Beach, Florida 33141.

Joyce Wilkerson, president of the Jose Lothario Fan Club, sent me the latest issue of her bi-monthly bulletin. Anyone wanting to contact Joyce can write to her at 302 N.W. 9th Avenue,



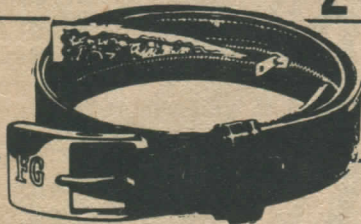
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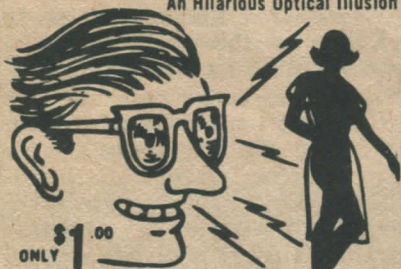


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I received a copy of Tri-State Wrestling News, a bi-monthly bulletin put out by Lon Paskowitz, 24 Brighton 10th Path, Brooklyn, New York 11235. As I stated, this is now a bi-monthly bulletin, and every third issue will be a special with 20 pages for the same price as the others — 30 cents. Subscribers also receive an 8 X 10 photo.

Mike Medugno, the president of Worldwide Bruno Sammartino Fan Club, sent me an issue of his bulletin. Anyone who would like to join the Bruno Fan Club can write to Mike at P.O. Box 177, Glen Cove, New York 11542.

One of the best photographers in wrestling is Gene Gordon, 419 Sylvania Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28206. Gene's specialty is girl wrestlers. He has the girls in color and black and white, action and posed. All his work is 8 X 10's. Gene and myself have had problems reading some of the correspondence we have received from fans, and I would like to emphasize the necessity that you write as legible as possible so that we can reply to your requests. It is always best to print your name and address clearly.

Earl Yetter, 138 Lockwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14220, has one of the finest collections of wrestling pictures. He has added many names to his catalogue of pictures, and those interested in obtaining the catalogue and prices can send Earle a self addressed stamped envelope.

James Reeves of P.O. Box 4529, Charleston Heights, South Carolina 29505, has excellent color photos for sale.

Looking for old programs? George Hill of 8410 North Ashley Street, Tampa, Florida 33604, will send one in exchange to anyone who sends a program from their area.

An interesting offer for program collectors is a 12-issue subscription of N.W.A. Wrestling, the official Honolulu program. The price is only \$2.00 and you can get these programs by writing to 98-465-2 Kaonohi Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701.

The 1972 A.W.A. Official Wrestling Yearbook is being sold for \$1.25. This 36 page book features color pictures of Verne Gagne, The Crusher, and Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel. To get your copy, write to Wrestling Yearbook, 301 Burntside Drive North,

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55422.

I just received the latest edition of Toronto Wrestling Results. To keep up on the action in Toronto, why not try a sample copy for 40 cents or subscribe for a year for \$1.75. You can get in touch with this excellent club by writing to president Dave Beetham and vice-president Steve Simmons at 65 Natal Avenue, Scarborough, Ont., Canada.

Of special interest to all wrestling picture collectors is a special 16-page picture catalogue that I just received from fellow Wrestling Monthly associate editor, Li'l Al Vavasaur. Li'l Al is the world's largest supplier of living color photos of professional wrestlers. To get a copy of his special catalogue, send two eight cent stamps to Li'l Al's Wrestling photos, P.O. Box 4, Port Allen, La. 70767.

Due to numerous requests, we have recently enlarged our sale on Wrestling News — A.W.A. illustrated, the number one arena wrestling magazine. We still have available Packet A, which contains nine different issues for three dollars, or Packet B, nine other different issues, also for three dollars. As we have mentioned before, you can obtain a combination Packet A & B, 18 different issues for only \$5.00, which is a savings of \$4.00 off of cover price. We have just recently added Packets C and D, which contain nine different issues each. The prices on C and D is three dollars each, or a combination Packet C and D for only \$5.00. In fact, if you want a combination of any two packets, you can have your choice of any two packets (18 different issues) for \$5.00 out of the four that are available. If you wish to obtain all four Packets, 36 different issues, you can get them for \$9.00, which is half of the cover price. Mail your order today for this limited offer to the Arena Distribution Office, P.O. Box 194, Shenorock, New York. 10581. Don't forget to state which packets you would like.

Champion Sports and myself are interested in publishing pictures of fans with or without wrestlers to go along with this column. If you have a picture you would like to have published, please send it to me. Before closing, I would like to mention that it is the policy of Champion Sports and this writer not to advertise any fan club or service unless we have a sample of their work on file. I might also add that if you desire a personal reply from myself or any of the fan clubs or services listed, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. People who wish to get in contact with me can write me at 351 Manville Road, Pleasantville, New York 10570.



With the Mad Dog, it doesn't matter if you are in the ring or not. In fact he would rather slam an opponent on the concrete floor outside the ring and that is just exactly what he is doing with War Eagle.

MAD DOG

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cheered by the fans at times. That was on such rare occasions as when he was matched against some wrestlers that were hated even more than he is — men like Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens or Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts.

Bockwinkel and Stevens are the present A.W.A. tag team champions and Brown and Roberts are the present Grand Prix tag team champions. But, Mad Dog still wrestles with the same wild abandon. He still is not content with victory, but tries to punish and injure his opponents. I really believe that Mad Dog Vachon goes completely berserk in the wrestling ring. Once the bell rings, Mad Dog will literally try to tear his opponent limb from limb and leave the man in a bloody mess or with broken bones.

Some will try to excuse Mad Dog Vachon. Everyone agrees that he has the ability to be a great scientific grappler. He proved that as a member of the Canadian wrestling squad in the 1948 Olympics in England and in the 1949 British Empire Games in New Zealand where he won the heavyweight gold medal.

The excuse that many others give for the unsportsmanlike and

brutal conduct of Mad Dog Vachon today is that early in his professional wrestling career Mad Dog tried to wrestle the scientific route and as a result he was brutalized by many larger opponents. They say that Mad Dog is just giving back the treatment that he has received in wrestling.

I can agree to an extent. I still remember the night in Minneapolis when The Crusher took on Mad Dog Vachon and the Dog received what is probably the worst beating any man has ever taken. He lost so much blood that night that he ended up spending several weeks in the hospital. The Doctor said that the only thing that saved him was the fact that wrestlers like Mad Dog Vachon are in such great shape that they actually have an extra quart of blood in their system and that this last quart of blood was about all that Mad Dog had left when he ambulance got him to the hospital.

But does that justify breaking a chair over Jos Leduc's head and sending him to the hospital to receive over twenty stitches? Does that justify cutting open Paul Leduc's head in a similar style a few weeks later. Does that justify sending Edouard Carpentier to the hospital with a concussion?

I say no! No matter how much punishment Mad Dog Vachon has received, he has dished out

twice as much. If the account books were tallied, Mad Dog could now wrestle completely scientifically with no brutality for ten straight years and he still would have done more harm to his fellow wrestlers than they will ever do to him.

Mad Dog is currently the Grand Prix Heavyweight Champion. Some say he is the best wrestler in the world. That may be true. But, because of some of the actions he has been guilty of in the wrestling ring, I would classify him as one of the worst criminals in professional wrestling. Mad Dog Vachon may even be cheered by some wrestling fans, especially against certain opponents. In single matches or as a tag team with his brother, Butcher, or with his new partner, Rapapaputski, Mad Dog Vachon continues to leave a strong of broken bodies behind where ever he wrestles.

Maybe Mad Dog is such a nice guy outside the ring because he takes out all his hostility on his opponents. In some cases, I would say that is good. But can you really call splitting a man's head open good? No!

Wrestling promoters relaxed the rules of the sport years ago because the fans demanded more action. The fans seem to love brutal blood baths and turn out in record numbers whenever one seems destined to result.

But, don't justify Mad Dog because his style of wrestling attracts fans. If brutality like he uses continues in professional wrestling, the sport is going to degenerate into something like the gladiator shows with fights to the death that become the number one entertainment in ancient Rome.

Wrestling promoters everywhere now realize that though the public demands action, the great rash of injuries that has pervaded the sport in recent years is something that could very well destroy much needed top talent. They are working now to find a solution to the problem. We don't know what the solution will be, but we know one thing, with wrestlers like Mad Dog Vachon around — and he isn't the only one though he might very well be the worst — that solution is going to be most difficult.

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Wrestling Monthly Poll Conducted By Michael Arndt

How Many Falls Should A Title Match Have?

QUESTION: Would you like to see the W.W.W.F. change its heavyweight title matches to two out of three falls instead of one fall, and why?

MICHAEL BONNER (Hollis, N.Y.) - Yes, like other alliances and federations they should have two out of three falls. The Dory Funk Jr. vs. Jack Brisco match, and others in the NWA, AWAm WWA and NWF are all two out of three falls, yet the WWWF has to be different. Fans here are not getting their money's worth.

GEORGE LANE (Hollis, N.Y.) - All other wrestling alliances have their heavyweight championship matches consisting of two out of three falls, always. The WWWF is backwards.

DON LAYNE (Hollis, N.Y.) - Yes, two out of three falls would be a great asset because all other alliances and federations have this, why can't the WWWF?

JOHN LAYNE (Hollis, N.Y.) - I'd have to agree with my brother. The WWWF and the fans are not getting any better attendance-wise and two-out-of-three falls heavyweight championship matches would bring in more fans.

POLLSTER MICHAEL ARNDT comments:

I whole heartedly agree with these fans since I am a veteran mat fan and the two out of three falls is the best way to determine a champion. One fall isn't too good to determine a heavyweight champion with a belt at stake. Therefore, I agree that something should be done.

EDITOR NORMAN H. KIETZER comments: I found this poll of New

York fans to be most interesting in that they seem to be under the impression that only the W.W.W.F. has one fall title matches. Actually, all other groups have them as well. That includes the N.W.A., the A.W.A., the N.W.F., and the W.W.A. The only thing is that the other groups do have more two out of three fall title matches while recently almost all the W.W.W.F. Heavyweight title matches are one fall only. I think a few two out of three fall matches here and there would add a lot. However, I know that many wrestlers actually feel differently and that a two out of three fall match prolongs a decision and leaves more room for disqualifications, time running out, and the like and that the champion has a big advantage in a two out of three fall match in that he can make a mistake and get pinned and still keep his title by getting on his bicycle for the rest of the evening.

I would also add generally that in future issues we hope to receive the opinions of fans all over the country. Michael Arndt has indicated below how you can let him know that you want to participate in this feature and he will send you a listing of upcoming questions on which you are invited to comment.

If any of you would like to be asked a question about wrestling and would like to have your name appear in this column, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Michael W. Arndt, 190-08 89 Avenue, Hollis, N.Y. 11423. I'd be happy to hear from you.

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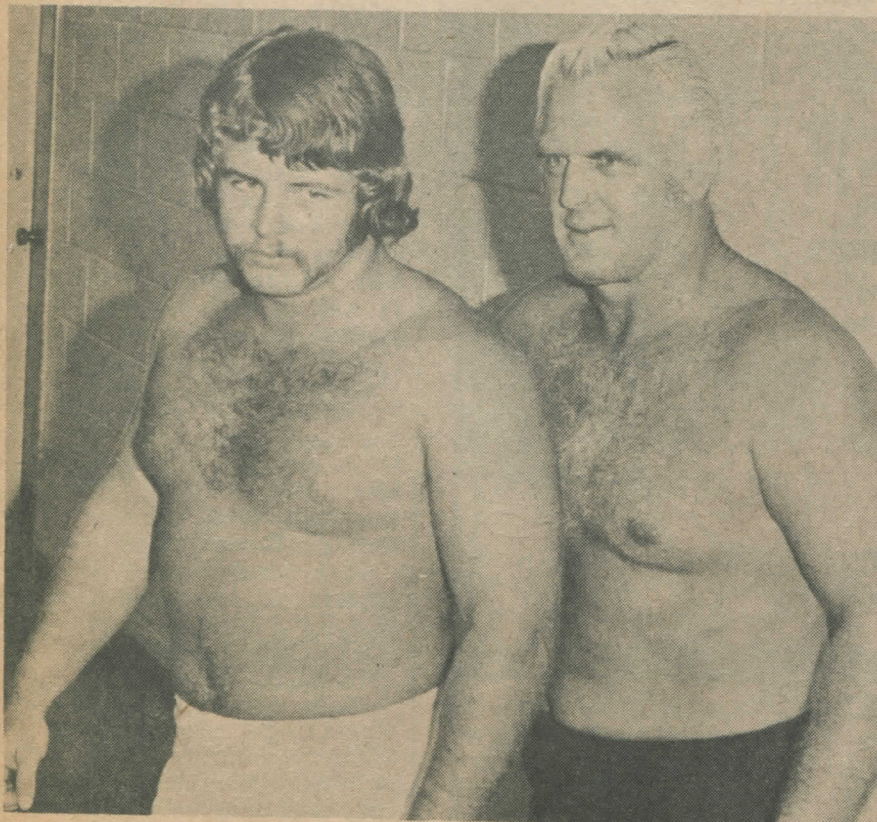
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MIKE GRAHAM
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Here's a picture of a teenage Mike Graham about to accompany his father and mother, Lucy and Eddie, on a trip to Japan. That time Mike went along to see his father wrestle but now he will be making wrestling tours on his own all over the world.



Eddie Graham and his son Mike will be a tough tag team to stop.

of that Graham generation. This is the story of the new Graham generation. This is the story of Mike Graham. Ironically, Mike, who is Eddie's son, first appeared on our pages back in 1961 also. But then he was only here because he was the ten-year-old son of Eddie Graham.

At that time we asked Eddie if he was training Mike to become a wrestler. Eddie's answer was simple, "No, I'm training him to be a man." Our comment back in 1961 was that "If Mike Graham grows up to be half the man his father is, he'll be quite a man indeed."

Well, Mike Graham has grown up, and he has become quite a wrestler, and quite a man himself. Mike was featured on a recent Maidson Square Garden wrestling card, along with his father. We won't say any more about Eddie because this is Mike's story.

Mike has been wrestling professionally for several months now after an outstanding amateur career. He is already doing very well and experiencing the same success as his father and uncles had in the wrestling ring.

So far Mike is very scientific in his approach to professional wrestling, but all that could easily change in the future. Mike Graham may have broken into wrestling as one of the famous family of wrestling Grahams, but like Jerry, Eddie, Luke, and Billy, he is making it all by himself.

The Grahma name doesn't mean much once you are out in the center of the ring against an opponent whose one goal is to beat you. Mike has found that out very quickly, and he has adjusted to the pressure by winning his matches.

In the Garden that night Mike quickly outclassed the veteran Juan Caruso. This was his first victory in the world famous arena where his father had been the winner of many battles. It was a big one for Mike Graham, but we predict that the really big matches for this new star are in the years ahead.

Mike Graham is no longer a ten-year-old son of a famous wrestler. Mike Graham is a wrestler, and, more importantly, to his father, he is a man. A man we predict you will be reading a lot about in future issues of Wrestling Monthly and Wrestling Revue.

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Some of the wildest matches seen here in many years were Edouard Carpentier and Yvon Robert Jr. against Dale Roberts and Gerry Brown, Joe and Paul Leduc against Mad Dog and Butcher Vachon, Billy Two Rivers and Johnny War Eagle against Dale Roberts and Gerry Brown, Giant Jean Ferre against Paul Bell and Jim Kelly in a handicap match, Mitsu Arakawa and Inoue against Len Shelly and Pierre Gagne and Billy Two Rivers and Johnny War Eagle against Gilles "The Fish" Poisson and Zarinoff Lebeouf.

The midgets have a very busy schedule, appearing in such places as Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Moncton, Halifax, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Omaha, Minneapolis, Denver, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Reno, Honolulu, Tampa, Miami and a host of other places too numerous to mention.

The male midgets who are managed by Jack Britton are Little Beaver, Sky Low Low, Franchy Lamonte, Little Brutus, Joey Russell, Sonny Bow Hayes, Farmer Jerome, Haiti Kid, Pee Wee Adams, and Little Boy Blue as well as lady midgets Cuddles Anderson and Celine Fontaine.

Jack Britton comes from a real wrestling family. Jack is an ex-wrestler, his brother wrestled for many years under the name of Lou Kelly and Jack's son is wrestler Gino Brito, known on the East Coast of the United States as Louis Cerdan.

Jack and I are both avid readers of your publications, WRESTLING REVUE, WRESTLING MONTHLY, and THE WRESTLING NEWS.

Plans are under way to hold wrestling once-a-month in Sudbury during the winter months. This will be the first time wrestling has ever been held in Sudbury on a regular basis during the winter months.

READERS FORUM
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WRESTLING REVUE for about six months and I enjoy them very much. But I think you speak too highly of Dory Funk Jr. There is a wrestler who came to Florida over two months ago who is wiping up the mat with most of the wrestlers. His name is Paul Jones. If Dory, Jr. had any guts he'd wrestle Paul and we'd have a new champion. After all, Paul has earned it. In the near future I wish you'd have a story on Paul.

Billy Davidson
Kannapolis, N.C.

MR. GEORGE STEELE IS THE TRUE CHAMPION

Sirs,

It grieves me to think that all the WWWF area fans consider Pedro Morales the WWWF Champion.

First of all, although I didn't see the Morales-Koloff match, many people think it was a questionable pin that gave Morales the belt. Therefore, the belt should have been held up.

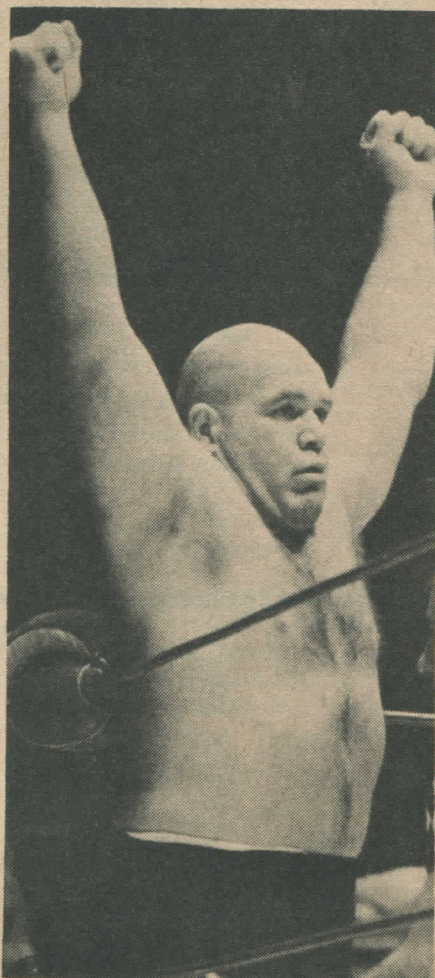
Second, Bruno Sammartino did not lose his title on January 18, 1971 to Ivan Koloff at Madison Square Garden. He lost it three days earlier to George Steele in Pittsburgh. Steele hurt Sammartino badly, but Bruno was too proud to say, "I'm hurt, I can't wrestle."

George Steele is the top heavyweight in the mat game today. He doesn't need a manager to interfere. He doesn't need the commissioners on his side. He doesn't need a biased referee. George Steele is so great that barring Sammartino, no other wrestler can compare.

So turn over the belt to George Steele, and then let him settle the championship puzzle by annihilating Gagne, Funk, and all other so-called "champions."

Stan Galanski
New Castle, Pa.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A big part of the questions that you brought up will be answered shortly. First, Pedro Morales has already successfully defended the W.W.W.F. title against George Steele. And Bruno Sammartino meets Steele on the next Garden card. Following that, New York wrestling action will move to Shea Stadium where Bruno Sammartino will be matched



George Steele being examined for an illegal foreign object by referee Bucky Palmero at Civic Arena in Pittsburgh.

against Pedro Morales for the W.W.W.F. title. By the time these bouts take place you will know who really is the top man on the East Coast, and more important, professional wrestling will have a much better idea as to who is the top man in all wrestling because these upcoming bouts should consolidate at least some of the pieces in the championship puzzle.

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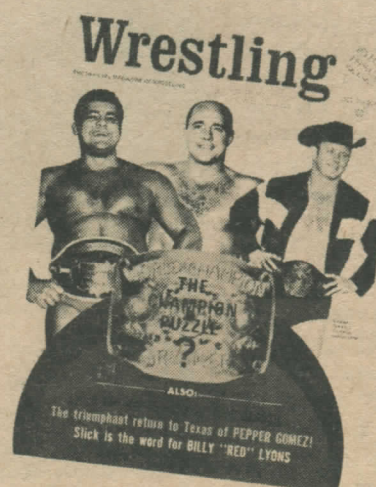
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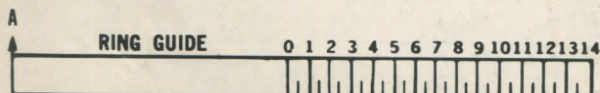
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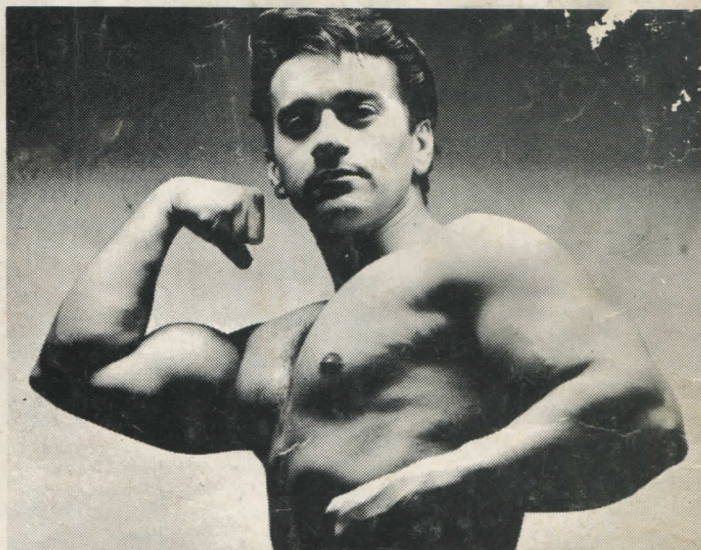
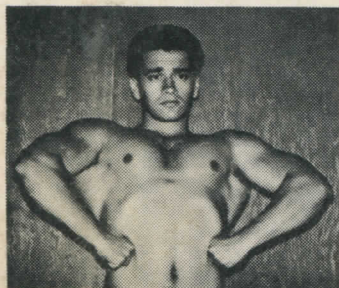
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